Libya says it will keep Chad truce

LUSAKA (R) — Libya told the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) Friday it was willing to maintain a ceasefire with Chad while African leaders pursue their peace efforts. The OAU arranged a truce last September, halting a war over the disputed Aouzon Strip, but its mediation is running behind schedule. A meeting of lawyers and cartographers to study the rival claims to Aouzou has been put off because some did not arrive in Libreville, Gabon, for the planned start on Thursday. Zambian President Kenneth Kaunda told reporters on Friday that the OAU's top committee on the conflict, composed of six African presidents, would not be able to meet this month because time was still needed to translate documents. "By next month we should be ready," said Mr. Kaunda, the OAU chairman. "I continue to pray that they hold the ceasefire." Libya's Deputy Foreign Minister Said Hafyana was in Lusaka Friday to deliver a message to Mr. Kaunda.



Algerian president to visit Tunis

TUNIS (R) — Algerian President Chadli Benjedid will visit Tunis on Sunday for his first talks with President Zine Al Abidine Ibn Ali since Mr. Ibn Ali took power two months ago, diplomatic sources said on Friday. Mr. Benjedid's visit follows Algerian mediation which helped Tunks, and Libya to reestablish relations last month after a two-year break. Us trip is one of a series of visits and diplomatic contacts in North Africa which have underlined the shifting alliances in the region. Tunisia. Algeria and Mauritania are linked by a 1983 treaty of fraternity and concord which Maintaina are linked by a 1985 treaty of transfirmy and concord which Libya and Morocco have been invited to join. Libyan leader Musimar Qadhafi in turn proposed a union of states with Algeria last year. An obstacle to Morocco joining any pact involving Algeria has been the obstacle to Morocco joining any pact involving Algeria has been the 12-year-old Western Sahara war, in which Algeria supports Pohsario guerrillas fighting Morocco for control of the territory. Apart from a farry of contacts leading to the renewal of Tunisian-Libyan ues, Algeria and Morocco held high-level talks last month aimed at improving relations.

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Hamzeh returns

AMMAN (J.T.) — Health Minister Zaid Hamzeh and an official delegation accompanying him Friday returned home from Thailand after attending a meeting on means of achieving the World Health Organisation's goal of health for all by the year 2000.

Brutents in UAE

ABU DHABI (R) — A senior Soviet official arrived in Abu Dhabi Friday to brief the UAE officials on last mouth's summit between the U.S. and Soviet leaders, the official Emirates News Agency, WAM said. It said Karen Brutents, deputy director of International Affairs at the Soviet Communist Party's Central Committee, had also visited Syria, Egypt and Kuwait.

Iranian exile flies to Nepal

DUBAI (R) — One of a group of eight Iranians desperately seeking a permanent bome after fleeing their country five years ago has left Dubai for Nepal, a United Nations official said on Friday. The eight were forcibly deported from Yugoslavia last week and seven are still in Dubai, waiting for a country to accept them. Abdulrazak Essaied, the U.N. high commissioner for refugees in the Middle East, said one man from the group went to Nepal on Thursday. There was no explanation why he left. Mr. Essaied said four others, including a woman seven months pregnant and a four-year-old boy, would probably be given official U.N. refugee status soon.

Israeli Labour leader resigns

TEL AVIV (R) — The secretary general of Israel's Labour Party has stunned colleagues by announcing he will resign for unspecified political and personal reasons. Uzi Baram, 50, told reporters he did not believe his resignation, announced at a Labour Party meeting on Thursday, hinted at a rift inside the party he has served for three years as secretary general. Peres said he hoped to persuade Baram to change his mind when they meet to discuss the resignation on

Libya says U.S. jet buzzed its ship

BEIRUT (R) - Libya charged on Friday that an American warplane staged low-level reconnaissance flights over one of its passenger ships off the Egyptian coast. The official Libyan News Agency JANA, monitored in Beirut, said the plane on Thursday flew over the ship Arnata about 115 miles north of the Egyptian coast at Sidi Barrani. The agency said the Arnata was heading for Izmir, Turkey, on normal business. The American warplane, which had taken off from one of the U.S. military bases in Egypt, staged three lowlevel reconnaissance flights over it," JANA quoted sources at the Ministry of Maritime Transport as saying. "This action is against the international laws of navigation and the Ministry of Maritime Transport has informed all the necessary parties of this provocative act which threatened the lives of the Libyan passengers on the ship," it added.

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Rifai, Masri meet

U.S. senator today By a Jordan Times Staff Writer with agency dispatches

AMMAN — U.S. Senator John Chaffee is scheduled to hold talks Saturday with Prime Minister Zaid Rifai, Foreign Minister Tah-er Al Masri and other Jordanian officials, a U.S. embassy spokes-.

man said Friday. Mr. Chaffee, who later leaves for Saudi Arabia, was Thursday received by His Majesty King Hussein and was told that violence in the Israeli-occupied West Bank and Gaza were the natural

result of Israeli occupation.

The senator agreed that the uprising in the occupied territories were a political problem that requires a political solution rather than the use of force.

During his meeting with Mr. Chaffe, the King said "the uprising in the occupied Arab territories against the tyranny of Israeli occupation is the natural result of the continued occupation," the Jordan News Agency, Petra, re-

The King said that a U.N.-sponsored international conference was the only means for a just Middle East peace. He said urgent efforts were needed to "find a just settlement to alleviate the suffering and despair of the people under occupation and to guarantee their legitimate

Petra said the King also discussed with Mr. Chaffee the Iran-

The Rhode Island Republican said in an interview with the Associated Press that his 90-minute talks with the King "focused on the wave of violence in the occupied territories, the Gulf war, the economic situation in Jordan and its overall relations with the United States."

Mr. Chaffee, a member of the U.S. Senate's committees of environment, public works and finance, is on a regional fami-liarisation tour which took him to Egypt and Israel as well as the

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Bassiouni: Egypt could sever ties with Israel

TEL AVIV (R) — Egypt's occupied territories, Mr. Basambassador to Israel, Moham-siouni said: "Egypt does not live mad Bassiouni, was quoted on Friday as saying Cairo could break off relations with the Jewish state if the situation in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip deteriorated."

The Nazareth-based Arabic-language weekly Al Sinaara quoted Mr. Bassiouni as saying in an interview: "There exists the possibility of a break in relations. a recall of the ambassador or a reduction in the embassy staff. However this is not our objec-

*Our major objective is to find a just solution to the Palestinian problem," he said.

The future of ties between Israel and Egypt "depend on the development of the situation in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, negative or positive," Mr. Bassiouni was quoted as saying.

Egypt, the only Arab state to sign a treaty with Israel, has protested repeatedly at the use of force against Palestinian demonstrations in the occupied terri-

Referring to Israeli plans to

in isolation from the events and therefore it has informed Israel of the dangers of deportations which are obstacles and threaten the bridges of confidence.

"Egypt considers Israeli actions to be violations of international law and human rights and Israel's announcement to deport Palestinians has escalated the down," he said.

Egypt sent an ambassador to Tel Aviv under the 1979 Israeli-Egyptian treaty establishing full diplomatic relations.

However he was withdrawn in 1982 after the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, amid international condemnation of Israel.

An ambassador was only reappointed in September 1986 following an Alexandria summit meeting at which Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak and then-Israeli Prime Minister Shimon Peres agreed to arbitration on their disputed border at Taba.

Mr. Bassiouni, who had been charge d'affaires, was promoted expel nine Palestinians from the to ambassador then.

Howe backs Mellor's criticism of Israel

Friday supported criticisms by a headway from the Israeli point of deputy, David Mellor, of Israel and said they reflected "exactly what we've been saying, sadly, for a long time."

Mr. Howe, in a radio interview, also said the refusal by the Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, to meet a visiting U.N. representative, while the foreign minister, Shimon Peres, was agreeable, illustrated "the problems arising from the divisions in

Mr. Howe's comments were his first on Israel since Mr. Mellor, a Foreign Office: minister with responsibilities for the Mideast, returned from a visit there and the occupied territories this week.

During the visit, Mr. Mellor denounced as an "affront to civilisation" conditions in a Palestinian refugee camp in the Israelioccupied Gaza Strip, and rebuked an Israeli colonel in front of television cameras.

"David Mellor was saying exactly what we've been saying. sadly, for a long time — that the continued occupation by Israelis of the West Bank and Gaza Strip and the way in which it is being managed was bound to have a brutalising influence," said Mr.

"We've been trying to press both sides to recognise... that port and assistance to the Pale 'terrorism' won't make headway nian people under Israeli rule

LONDON (Agencies) — Foreign from the Palestinian point of Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe on view, that tyranny won't make view."

Masri praises Mellor

In Amman, Foreign Minister Taher Al Masri praised Mr. Mellor for his blunt criticism of Israel's policy towards the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip. "Israel's ugly practices were revealed to the whole world ... during the visit (of Mr. Mellor) who saw for himself the repres-

Masri told the Jordan News Agency, Petra. He had the courage and wisdom to condemn that at the top of his voice and add another nail to the coffin of Israeli lies about conditions in the occupied West

sion and brutal actions," Mr.

Bank and Gaza." Mr. Masti spoke after returning from a conference in Morocco at which Islamic ministers urged U.N. intervention to halt the Israeli actions against Palestinian protesters in the occupied terri-

He said the Islamic resolution was in line with Tuesday's unanimous U.N. Security Council vote urging Israel to rescind an order to deport nine Palestinians-

Mr. Masri also said Jordan would continue to provide support and assistance to the PalestiIsrael discloses mass detentions without trial

3 more Arabs fall victim to Israelis

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM — The Israeli occupation authorities Friday disclosed mass detentions of Palestinians detained without trial for up to six months and three more Arabs were shot dead by Israeli troops in anti-occupation protests in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

U.N. officials quoted by international news agencies identified two of the dead Palestinians as 15-year-old Mazen Zaki Mossa-lam and Maher Al Telbani, 20, and said they died in hospitals after being shot by Israeli soldiers during violent clashes in Mugazi refugee camp in the Gaza Strip

The Palestine Press Service, an Arab-run agency based in Jeru-salem, reported another Palestinian, identified as 22-year-old Khalid Awadeh, was killed in the Bureij camp south of Gaza City. It said four others were wounded in Khan Yunis.

An Arab reporter who demanded anonymity said four others were wounded after a clash with soldiers in Khan Yunis. He said worshipers left a mosque and began a silent march to the downtown area. Soldiers arrived to break up the demonstration, using tear-gas and then live ammunition, he said.

Continuing protests were re-ported Friday in many other areas of the Gaza Strip and in 'Arab Jerusalem with protesters burning tyres, stoning Israeli troops and cars and soldiers opening tear-gas fire at them. Hospital officials said at least

20 Palestinians were wounded, in Thursday night's protests. The demonstrations took place in the Nuseirat and Mughazi refugee camps in the Gaza Strip Thursday night and involved hundreds of demonstrators.

Amouna Ismail Sager, 50, a resident of Nusseirat, said protests began about 5 p.m. with stone-throwing and tear-gas exchanges and lasted for six hours.

Speaking from a hospital bed in Gaza City's Ahli hospital, she said protesters then took refugee in a mosque and soldiers fired tear-gas inside. The demonstrators used the mosque's loudspeakers to call for help and about 1,000 camp residents flocked to the scene to confront about 200 soldiers, she added.

Mrs. Sager, who had large dark bruises on her arm and suffered a broken collar bone, said soldiers entered her home 200 metres from the mosque looking for pro-testers. She said she was beaten with rifle butts and clubs but stopped soldiers from arresting her 12-year-old son.

They tried to take my two boys. The 15-year-old escaped. I tried to stop the soldiers from taking the other one," she said.

A doctor said 10 people had been brought to the hospital overnight with gunshot wounds. two of them shot in the neck and in critical condition. Shooting victims were reluctant

to discuss the demonstration for fear of being arrested.

Majid Suleiman Darassi, 22,

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Journalists complain over Israeli restrictions; American Jews upset by Israeli actions, page 2.

Syrian envoys end Gulf mission amid reports of planned GCC-Iran talks BAHRAIN (Agencies) — Two 500,000 men poised along the Southern warfront. ITaqis hit

ded a Gulf tour that Arab diplomats described as an effort to arrange talks between the Arab Gulf states and Iran on means to end the seven-year-old Iran-Iraq war and the related attacks on shipping in the Gulf.

Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam and Foreign Minister Farouk Al Sharaa left the United Arab Emirates (UAE) on Friday after a final session of talks with Deputy Prime Minister Sheikh Hamdan Ibn Mohammad. Mr. Khaddam and Mr. Sharaa arrived in Kuwait Wednesday and visited Bahrain, Qatar and Oman before arriving in Abu Dhabi, the UAE capital, on Thursday.

The official Emirates news agency, WAM, reported after the first Syrian-UAE session on Thursday that Sheikh Hamdan expressed appreciation for the efforts Syria is exerting to bring

peace to the region."
Gulf-based Arab diplomatic sources quoted by the AP said Thursday that Syria had con-. vinced Iran to delay a long-expected winter offensive against Iraq, although sources in Damascus said Iran has more than U.S., Israel say ties unaffected

WASHINGTON (Agencies) —

The United States and Israel have

reasserted their friendship de-

spite continuing differences over

Israel's violent tactics against

Palestinian activists in the occu-

pied West Bank and Gaza Strip,

since protests erupted in the

occupied territories last month,

U.S. Secretary of State George

Shultz on Thursday criticised

Israel's use of "lethal force" to

quell the protests and said vio-

lence would never bring peace to

Bu he went out of his way to

play down the dispute with the

key American ally, which intensi-

fied after Washington's unusual

vote this week in favour of a

United Nations Security Council

resolution opposing Israeli plans

to deport Palestinians accused of

leading the protests (See page 4).

everyone to understand that the

United States regards its

friendship and the strength of its

"I think it's important for

the Middle East.

At his first news conference

by differences on violence

Saudi Arabia and other Gulf states, meanwhile, had persuaded Iraq to halt its raids on Iranian tankers in the Gulf, said diplomatic sources in Damascus.

That would halt Iranian retaliation attacks focused against ships trading with Kuwait and Saudi Arabia.

The blow-for-blow ship attacks climaxed last mouth, with 34 recorded raids against merchant ships by the two Gulf war foes. Some 450 vessels have been damaged or hit since the war started. Kuwait last year reflagged 11 of its tankers in the United States, entitling them to naval protec-

Asked by reporters on arrival in Abu Dhabi if progress had been made. Mr. Sharaa said: "I think there is a positive atmosphere that creates optimism." Mr. Khaddam carried a mes-

sage from President Hafez Al Assad to UAE President Sheikh Zayed Ibn Sultan Al Nahayan on current Gulf developments, WAM said.

He earlier delivered a similar message to Bahrain's emir.

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and unshakeable relationship,

At least 28 Palestinians have

The Israeli ambassador to

Washington, Moshe Arad, later

met Mr. Shultz at the State De-

partment to covey formally his

government's regret and dis-

appointment over the U.S. vote

on the U.N. resolution but said

Mr. Shaltz's news conference had

gone a long way toward abating

At the news conference, Mr.

Shultz outlined what he called a

full and productive U.S. foreign

policy agenda for 1988, the last

year of Ronald Reagan's pres-

in Moscow in May or June.

idency.

tensions in the relationship.

been killed by Israeli troops since

he told reporters.

the protests began.

Tabriz plant BAGHDAD (R) — Iraq said its

warplanes attacked and set ablaze an oil refinery in the northwestern Iranian city of Tabriz on

A high command communique said several Iraqi jets penetrated Iranian air defences and pounded the refinery at 12:40 p.m. (0940 GMT). The target was set ablaze and the aircraft returned safely, it Iraq's air raids on Iran's oil

installations are aimed at choking off the oil revenues needed by Tehran to finance the seven-yearold war. The Tabriz refinery was last hit on Aug. 10, 1987. The Baghdad communique

said Iraq would make further attacks on the Iranian economy. It was the first Iraqi air raid on an Iranian economic target in

Iran's state-run Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) said Iraqi jets targeted "a non-military area in Tabriz... causing property losses but no casualties." It did not elaborate.

Cairo detains 'Iranian agent' relationship with Israel as a key

CAIRO (AP) - Security authorities have arrested an alleged Iranian agent who was recruiting Egyptians and forming an organisation to spread the "Iranian revolution" in Egypt, newspapers said in their Friday editions.

In identical statements apparently issued by the Interior Ministry, daily newspapers said the Iranian agent had been re-ceiving his orders from Mahmoud Mohtadi, Iran's charge d'affaires to Cairo who was expelled last

Al Ahram, Al Akhbar and Al Gomhuriya said security authorities had "recently arrested an agent of Iranian intelligence who was working on forming an organisation including Egyptian

He reaffirmed plans to hold monthly meetings with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Sheinvestigations showed this was an anti-government organisation Islamic society. vardnadze in advance of a fourth and that "Iran was still intensifysummit between Mr. Reagan and ing its efforts to export the Ira-Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev nian revolution to the region." strength of language and the fact the role of the state.



Goulding visits occupied lands facing opposition from Shamir

TEL AVIV (Agencies) — A say. I'm waiting for a reply from high-ranking U.N. official arrived the Israeli foreign ministry." here Friday despite Israeli pied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

on hand to receive U.N. Assistant Secretary-General Marrack Goulding who came in the wake of two Security Council decisions condemning Israel for its policies

in the occupied territories.

Resolution 605, passed on Dec.
22, called on U.N. Secretary-General Perez de Cuellar to investigate "ways and means for ensuring the safety and protection of the Palestinian civilians under Israeli occupation" and report back to the Security Council

by Jan. 20. The decision angered Israeli leaders who contended that the United Nations was interfering in Israel's "international security"

The Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, said Thursday he would not meet Mr. Goulding. "I think there's no need for it," Shamir told Israel Television. "We don't accept this U.N. re-

solution and we won't cooperate with any side aimed at implementing it." "I've seen various reports on this in the... newspapers and I've

A government official said the opposition to investigate the foreign minister, Shimon Peres, plight of Palestinians in the occu- would meet Mr. Goulding on Jan. 11 and "explain fully israel's

No Israeli representatives were objection to Resolution 645. Mr. Goulding refused to discuss the details of his trio.

Israel has also said it would not abide by a second Security Council resolution passed earlier this week which called on the Jewish Israel has ordered the deporta-

tion of nine Palestinian, who allegedly led protests which erupted throughout the occupied territories on Dec. 9. Foreign ministry spokesman Ehud Gol said Mr. Goulding, an

under-secretary general for political affairs, had made no request for assistance to travel beyond the so-called "green line" of Israel's pre-1967 borders. Israel Television said on Thurs-

day that Mr. Shamir's office was considering barring Mr. Goulding from touring the occupation It was not clear if Mr. Goulding

would also visit South Lebanon. Lebanon has complained to Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar about Israeli aggression in South Lebanon, thee page

learned not to believe what they 2). Khomeini's message to Khamenei seen as part of power struggle in Tehran

stepped up in Tehran Friday after the revolutionary patriarch, Ayatollah Ruhollah Khomeini, accused the president of the Islamic republic, Ali Khamenei, of trying to go too far in limiting the powers of government.

The rare personal criticism was contained in a letter from Khomeini published in Tehran, the official Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) reported Thursday.

Parliament Speaker Hashemi Rafsanjani, a key contender for power in a post-Khomeini Iran, welcomed the letter and berated anyone who might deviate from the 87-year-old patriarch's line.

The developments appeared to signal a step-up in the struggle over who will rule Iran after Khomeini, reportedly ailing,

In his letter, Khomeini criticised views that he said the president had expressed during a Fri The brief statement said the day prayer statement is small an the role of government in an

Although the argument was

BAHRAIN (Agencies) — A power it was directed at a named indistruggle appeared to have been vidual, Khamenei, was unusual.

"Your observations during the Friday prayers apparently purports that you do not recognise government as an institution ordained by the Almighty and founded with absolute power entrusted to the Prophet. Khomeini wrote.

"Your conclusion on the proposition based on my earlier statement that 'government exercises power only within the bounds of the divine statutes is a misquote and a misinterpretation.

The agency's dispatch did not give a full explanation of Khomeini's views on the limits of government power.

'Government, which stems from the absolute powers of the Prophet Mohammad, is a primary rule in Islam taking precedence over... praying, fasting and making the Haj pilgrimage." Tehran Radio quoted him as telling Khamenei.

strenger no come power of the government and would boost Prime Minister Mir-Hossein Mousavi against groups couched in religious terms, the in the leadership seeking to limit

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Commandos launch 700 raids on Israelis, SLA in '87

BEIRUT (AP) — Commandos launched 700 attacks on Israel's troops or its allies in South Lebanon and northern Israel in 1987, killing 12 Israelis and wounding 72, police said Friday.

Sixty-four fighters of the Israeli-financed and -trained South Lebanon Army (SLA) were killed and 225 wounded in the raids, according to statistics released by the Lebanese National Police.

The Israelis lost eight soldiers in just two major confrontations with Arab commandos in northern Israel.

Three Israeli troops have been killed in the Jewish state's selfproclaimed "security zone" of South Lebanon and one in a payal clash with pro-Iranian fighters off the South Lebanon coast.

A Syrian-backed Palestinian commando group on Nov. 26 claimed the deadliest attack against northern Israel since the Jewish state's invasion of Leba-

A guerrilla from Ahmad Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command flew a motorised hang glider over the "security zone," land-ed in northern Israel and killed six Israeli troops before he was gunned down. Arab commandos carried out a

cross-border raid into northern Israel last April, killing two Israeli soldiers, according to the The records also note 30 "con-

firmed" rocket attacks by Arab

commandos against northern Israel in 1987. The police records say commandos carried out 60 attacks against Israeli troops and their allies of the SLA militia in De-

cember, killing two Israeli sol-

and injuring 25.

Lebanon-based commandos lost 170 men in clashes with Israeli troops and SLA militiamen in 1978, according to the records, which said 25 fighters were killed in December, six in clashes with the SLA and 19 in confrontations with Israeli

Iranian-backed commandos of the Islamic Resistance carried out the first naval attack against an Israeli vessel off the South Lebanon coast on Dec. 26, killing an Israeli navy officer.

The statistical report said anti-Israeli factions in South Lebanon. were suffering from "financial problems" while the SLA was receiving regular dollar payments (from Israel) and ample supplies of weapons and ammunition.

The SLA responds with "\$10,000 worth of tank and mortar fire to each \$250 worth of mortar round fired by the resistdiers and wounding four in addi- ance," the report concluded.

Lebanon asks for Security Council meeting

UNITED NATIONS (R) -Lebanon called on Thursday for an urgent meeting of the U.N. Security Council to consider what it said were "the continuing acts of aggression and abusive practices of the Israeli occupying forces in Lebanon."

The request was contained in a one-sentence letter from Lebanese U.N. Representative Rachid Fakhoury to Council President Crispin Tickell of Bri-

Lebanon gave no details on the reason for its request. Israeli troops and their allies of the South Lebanon Army (SLA) militia, who patrol a so-called "security zone" in southern Lebanon, cordoned of the village of Yohmor a week ago after commandos attacked a nearby

Lebanon also protested to the United Nations earlier on Thurs-

day over Israeli air attacks against targets in southern Lebanon last Saturday in which 26 people were reported to have been killed. In its complaint, Lebanon reserved the right to call for a Security Council meeting.

Israel said the air strikes were against commando installations, including one used by a Palestinian group which killed six Israeli soldiers last month in a hangglider attack

Israeli violence distresses American Jews

SLA position.

WASHINGTON (AP) - American Jews are profoundly distressed over the violence in the West Bank and Gaza and divided over what Israel should do to end the not weakened American Jews' crisis, community leaders and others said in interviews.

Jews feel a "great sense of pain and anguish... an embarrassment" by scenes on television of Israelis shooting Arabs, Hyman Bookbinder, head of the American Jewish Committee, said Thursday.

They also think it is "terribly unfair" that Israel is taking all the blame for a situation that stems from the failure of all sides to deal with the Palestinian issue, he

The disturbances — the worst in Israel's 20-year occupation of the territories — have prompted an unusual degree of public criticism of Israel's actions by American Jews as well as a public airing of their differences.

Leaders of mainstream Jewish organisations insist the revolts have not caused a major schism in their ranks, but they acknowledge many Jews are upset and confused over the situation.

Bookbinder and others said the disturbances in which Israeli troops have shot and killed over 24 Palestinians since Dec. 8 have

attachment for the Jewish state.

'Pain, yes; disappointment, yes; confusion, yes," Rabbi Alexander Schindler said. "This does not mean there is an alienation from Israel." Schindler is president of the Union of American Hebrew Congregations and a leader of the Reform Movement.

Morris Abram, head of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organisations in New York, said there was "no split" over Israel's policies in the 45 groups represented in his

Others, however, said recent events have prompted heated discussion about the future of Israel among America's 6 million Jews, who provide crucial financial and

moral support to Israel. "We are probably as divided as Israel itself," Schindler said. In rough terms, the views of American Jews mirror those of Israelis over the future of the Israelis over the future of the West Bank and Gaza where 1.5 munity is extremely concerned."

million Palestinians live.

One side favours relinquishing total control of the territories and providing some kind of self-determination to the Palestinians; the other opposes that option as a threat to Israel's security.

Some people said American Jews are reluctant to publicly castigate Israel.

"I can tell you flatly that a number of my friends do not believe what they are saying in public," said Rabbi Arthur Hertzberg of Englewood, New Jersey, a professor at Dartmouth College and vice president of the World Jewish Congress.

"In private they are saying to the Israelis, 'for heavens sake, cool it'," Hertzberg said.
Groups on the liberal end of the spectrum tend to be most

critical of Israel. "Even among very moderate groups there has been grave disquiet about what Israel had done," said Ezra Goldstein, cochairman of the New Jewish

Agenda, a progressive group. "I

Foreign press complains over Israeli restrictions TEL AVIV (R) - The Foreign

Press Association (FPA) in Israel protested on Friday at an apparent drive by the Israeli army to restrict media access to Palestinian refugee camps in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"We are increasingly dismayed to find that our access is being limited on a continuing basis, FPA Chairman Robert Slater

said in remarks to news agencies. Israel has denied any intention to impose a South African-style ban on reporting unrest in troubled areas.

Reuter reporters and photographers have been prevented from entering refugee camps in the Gaza Strip on several occasions this week by army comman-ders declaring a "closed military area," at times presenting a photocopied written order.

Other news agencies and television stations said their reporters, photographers and camera crews were facing increasing restrictions, particularly in the Gaza Strip but also in the refugee camps on the northern outskirts of Jerusalem.

Israeli troops have shot dead 26 Palestinians, wounded about 200 and arrested nearly 2,000 in a month of clashes with revolting demonstrators in the occupied Arab territories.

A military spokesman denied there was any new policy to eject the press from the refugee camps. "Sometimes for military and

operational reasons, when it is difficult to get a situation under control, the army can order an area closed for short periods," he said. "But basically the Gaza Strip remains open for media coverage.

After Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir last month raised the idea of barring the foreign press from the West Bank and Gaza Strip, the government reassured the FPA that journalists would be free to work in the areas. Mr.

"We had a series of meetings with the authorities in which we felt we did have assurances that we would be free to work. We are letting the authorities know of our concerns now."

Israel urged to work for peace

Israeli newspapers urged the government on Thursday to prove it is genuinely interested in peace talks to allay the damage of a U.N. resolution calling on it not to expel nine Arab activists.

Israelis were stunned by U.S. support on Tuesday for the Security Council resolution. It was the first time the United States voted in favour of a resolution critical of Israel since the 1982 Israeli siege of Beirut.

Israel blames the nine activists for inciting recent unrest in the occupied West Bank and Gaza

"The government is obligated to take into account the fact that its policies are causing the whole world to rebel against us, including the United States," the mass circulation daily Yedioth Ahronoth said in an editorial.

"And this is liable to bring even more dangerous results in the future if the government does not convince the world that parallel to steps it is taking to return calm... It is also taking a courageous initiative to find a political solution."

The afternoon daily Maariy said: "We think the government of Israel will have no choice but to consider the price of its policies, whether they are correct or mistaken."

"To what lengths will we go if the price will be abandonment by the international arena?," i

The Labour-aligned Davar newspaper called for an "energetic return" to the peace process following world condemnation of the deportation orders.

Norway, Israel to tackle heavy water dispute again

OSLO(R) - Norway, anxious to establish whether Israel used its heavy water to make atomic weapons, said on Friday it would send an official delegation to Israel in the next month for more talks on the issue.

Norwegian and Israeli officials have already met several times to discuss Oslo's request for inspection of 20 tonnes of water it sold secretly to Israel in 1959, on the condition that it be used only for peaceful purposes.

"The fact that talks are still going on means that the (Israeli) response has not been entirely negative," Foreign Ministry spokesman Per Paust told Reuters. "The original sales contract gives us the right to inspect the

Mr. Paust declined further comment. Western diplomats said negotiations were at a sensitive stage. Oslo has in the past been keen to publicise in detail

past developments.

Norway requested the inspectechnician Mordechai Vanunu, on trial in Tel Aviv on espionage charges, told a British newspaper that Israel had been making nuclear weapons for 20 years.

Israel refuses to confirm or deny whether it has such weapons. It has already refused to allow an inspection on Norway's behalf by the independent, Vienna-based International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA).

Mubarak begins Gulf tour today

Saturday, will consolidate Cairo's renewed Arab ties and highlight shifting diplomatic sands in the Middle East.

His week-long visit to six Gulf states buffeted by the nearby Iran-Iraq war will have special significance for three reasons: - The leader of the most

populous Arab state will be touring wealthier Arab countries which may seek military aid in future if Iran gains the advantage over Iraq, their mutual ally.

— He will be marking Egypt's

re-entry to mainstream Arab affairs. Nine Arab states decided two months ago to bury objections to Egypt's relations with Israel and restore official ties with Cairo, cut since 1979. - His Gulf talks come as

Israel's use of bullets to quell Palestinian protests in the Israeliheld West Bank and Gaza Strip has cast a cloud over Egypt's ties with the Jewish state.

"Mubarak's visit is an important step to bolster Arab solidarity and unity between Egypt and its brothers in the face of challenges in the Gulf and the occupied territories," said Foreign Minister Esmat Abdul Meguid.

Cairo has condemned Israel's strong-arm tactics against what Egyptian newspapers describe as Palestinian uprising.

The bloodshed in the West Bank and Gaza sparked anti-Israeli demonstrations in Cairo, curtailed by riot police when violence threatened because they gave a platform for Muslim hardliners opposed to Mr. Mubarak's administration.

Despite Arab and domestic anger over Israel's actions in the

CAIRO (R) — A Gulf tour by Egypt's President Hosni Mubarak, starting in Saudi Arabia on peace treaty. Mr. Mubarak has said Cairo will not withdraw its ambassador from Tel Aviv in protest.

Some Egyptian officials say the spotlight turned on conditions in the West Bank and Gaza may revive flagging U.S. and world interest in a long-term Arab-Israeli peace settlement.

But Mr. Mubarak's Gulf talks. starting in Riyadh with King Fand, are expected to focus more on the Iran-Iraq war and an anticipated Iranian offensive.

Mr. Mubarak, who pays a state visit to Washington late this month, will also meet new U.S. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci in Riyadh on Sunday, according to Egypt's national Middle East News Agency.
Mr. Mubarak flies on to the

United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman. which, with Saudi Arabia, form the Gulf Cooperation Council

In Kuwait, near the war front at the head of the Gulf, he is likely to follow up a review of future Egyptian defence assistance begun in November by the Defence Minister, Field-Marshal Abdel Halim Abu Ghazala.

Ways in which Cairo is likely to increase its help for Kuwait in arms, training and logistics remain secret.

But Mr. Mubarak, interviewed by a Kuwaiti newspaper, denied reports that Egypt would send 10,000 men to boost the small armies of GCC states in return for \$5 billion to help to pay its military debts to the United

"We are not mercenaries," he declared.

Cairo's restoration of formal ties with most Arab countries followed increased Arab invests ment and cash aid for Egypt. Cairo, burdened by a \$40 billion foreign debt, sought rescheduling last year after a standby accord with the International Monetary

Fund. There are no official figures. but Western diplomats estimate Arab grant aid to Egypt last year - as ties warmed and the focus of concern shifted from Israel to fran - at \$500 million to \$1

Gulf diplomats say Mr. Mabarl ak's tour has sparked a diplomatic counter-offensive by Syria, Egypt's main rival for Arab milus ence. Two senior Syrian envoys are touring the GCC states to discuss ways to end the Iran-Iraq

"Damascus" current moves... might be meant to forestall a total GCC leaning towards Egypt,? one diplomat in Abu Dhabi said. Another said Syria feared a growing Egyptian role in the Gulf

might significantly affect the assistance it receives from the GCC states." Oman is the only country of Mr. Muharak's tour which maintained full ties with Cairo

throughout its eight years of Arab ostracism. The other five, together with Iraq, Morocco, North Yemen and Mauritania, restored diplomatic relations after an Arab

League summit in Amman freed member states to do so. Syria, Libya, Algeria, Lebanon. South Yemen and Tunisia still have no formal ties with Cairo, though some of them maintain active links through "in-

terest sections" in third-country

arms purchase requests from

Kuwait and Saudi Arabia. The

Reagan administration won con-

gressional permission last month

to sell Bahrain Stinger anti-ait-

craft missiles over the objections

of many lawmakers who feared

Carlucci visits U.S. warships in Gulf

DAMMAM, Saudi Arabia (R) — U.S. Defence Secretary Frank Carlucci flew to American warships in the Gulf on Friday for an on-the-spot look at his country's naval operations on the frontline of the Iran-Iraq tanker A Defence Department

spokesman said Mr. Carlucci was visiting the helicopter-carrier USS Okinawa and the dock landing ship USS Mount Vernon, two of about 30 U.S. warships in the Gulf region. U.S. naval units have escorted 23 convoys of reflagged Kuwaiti

tankers through Gulf waters since they took up duty last July, rged with mathranan navigation for American-flag leaders of five Gulf nations and Mr. Carlucci, on his first visit

months ago, would get "first hand information from the officers on the situation in the Gulf," the spokesman said.

Mr. Carlucci has visited Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, and Bahrain and diplomats said he is tankers placed under the Amer-

reassuring Washington's Gulf ican flag to protect them from Arab allies of American commitment to its policy in the region.

He said they would also study Speculation had surrounded

the visit that Washington was considering cutting the number of ships in the Gulf to ease congressional pressure over the cost of the operation, estimated at \$20-38 million a month, to defend the 11 reflagged Kuwaiti tankers. "Carlucci made very clear in

Kuwait and Bahrain this week there will be no change in policy," said one diplomat. "A reduction in warships would be question of tactics. Meanwhile two members of the House of Representatives Fore-

ign Alians Committee will meet visit U.S. forces on a regional tour to start on Sunday, a comto the Gulf region since being mittee member said on Thursday. appointed Defence Secretary two Representative Robert Tor-

ricelli told reporters he and Mel Levine, both Democrats, would visit Iraq, Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain and Saudi Arabia. Mr. Torricelli said they would

review the U.S. escort of Kuwaiti

they could fall into the hands of commandos. Mr. Torricelli said the United States must consider contingency plans in the event Iran succeeds in overrunning Iraqi positions in southern fraq and "imperils the

oil fields of Kuwait and Saudi Arabia." Ins would require an inter national military response. This is very close, much closer than... the American people begin to understand," he said.

The congressmen, both members of the Europe and Middle East Subcommittee, will be accompanied by John Wolf, director of regional affairs in the State Department's Bureau of Near Eastern and South Asian

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TODAY'S EVENTS

"Children's Heritage and Science Museum" Fun and knowledge for all ages, plus a small planetarium at the Haya Arts Centre. Open all week 9:10 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. and 3:30 p.m - 6:00 pm. Closed on Friday.

Folklore Museum: Jewelry and costumes over 100 years old. Also mosaics from Madaba and Jerash (4th to 18th centuries). The Roman Theatre. Amman. Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5 p.m. Year-round. Tel. 681760.

Jordan Archaeological Museum: Has an excellent collection of the antiquities of Jordan. Jabal Al Oal'a (Citadel Hill). Opening hours: 9.00 a.m.-5.00 p.m. (Fridays and official holidays 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.). Closed Tuesdays.

Martyrs' Memorial (Military Museum): Collection of military memorabilia dating from the Arab Revolt of 1916. Sports City. Amman. Opening hours 9.00 a.m. 4.00 p.m. Closed Saturdays. Tel. 664240.

SERVICE CLUBS

The Anuman Lious Club. Meetings every first and third Wednesday at the Regency Palace Hotel. 7:30 p.m. Lious Philadelphia Club. Meetings every second and fourth Wednesday at the Ammon Hotel, 7:30 p.m. Philadelphia Rotary Club. Meetings every Wednesday at the Holiday Inn. 1:30 p.m. Rotary Club. Meetings every Tuesday at the Intercontinental Hotel, 2.00 p.m.

CHURCHES

p.m. Royal Automobile Club, Jabal Am-man, Eighth Circle, Tel. 816534, 817534.

St. Joseph Church (Roman Catholic) Jabal Amman, Tel. 624590, Church of the Annunciation (Roman Catholic) Jabal Luweibdeh, Tel. 637440 637440.

De la Salle Church (Roman Catholic)
Jabal Hussein, Tel. 661757.

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Jabal Luweibdeh, mass in Italian language, meel every Saturday at 5:30
D.m. Tel: 622366

Charch of the Annunciation (Greek Orthodox) Ahdali, Tel. 623541.

Anglican Church (Church of the Redeemer) Jabal Amman, Tel. 625383.
chaplain's residence tel. 601359.

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Armenian Orthodox Church Ashrafieh. Tel. 775261.
St. Ephraim Church (Syrian Orthodox) Ashrafieh. Tel. 771751.
Amman International Church (Interdenominational): meets at Southern Baptist School in Shmeisani, Tel. 671534.
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Evangelical Lutheran Church (Church of the Good Shepherd) Anuman, Arabic Service: Sunday 7 p.m. Rev. N. Smr 81/295).
Rainbow Congregation (meets at the Good Shepherd's Church) Interdenominational-ecumenial English Service; Saturday 6:30 p.m. Tel. 822605, Rev. Veli.
The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints (Mormon) 815817, 821264

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obtain identification cards

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of tive until the end of December Înterior Rajai Dajani Friday decided to reopen registration to allow more time for eligible voters to obtain their individual identification cards, which are required for active participation in any forthcoming parliamentary

The registration period is effec-

Mr. Dajani has instructed Director of the Civil Registration Department (CRD) Adnan Mirza to take all measures necessary to facilitate the process, in order to obtain these vital documents. obtain these vital documents.

Roman Orthodox pope begins official visit

riarch of Alexandria and the whole of Africa Parthenios, accompanied by Patriarch of Jerusalem Theodoros I and bishops from Alexandria, arrived here via King Hussein Bridge to begin a five-day official visit to

In an arrival statement, Pope and Patriarch Parthenios said that he came to the region to visit Jerusalem which is, he said, a Jordanian city.

He said that during his visit to Jordan, he will meet with His Majesty King Hussein and bless his efforts to establish a just and comprehensive peace in the re-

Pope and Patriarch Parthenios also said he would meet with His Royal Highness Crown Prince causes.

SOUTH SHUNEH (Petra) — Hassan, Prime Minister Zaid Roman Orthodox Pope and Pat- Rifai and semior Jordanian offi-

Envoy to Rome honours Patriarch Sabbah

Also on Friday, in Rome, Jordan's ambassador to Italy, Tareq Madi held a luncheon in honour of newly-appointed Patriarch of Jerusalem Michel Sabbah.

In a welcoming speech, Mr. Madi expressed satisfaction and happiness over the Vatican's decision to appoint an Arab in this post and wished him success. Patriarch Sabbah, who was consecrated by Pope John Paul II on Jan. 6, expressed appreciation, love and loyalty to King Hussein and pledges his support for Arab

NAF directors review past year's achievements today

Labour and Social Development Khaled Al Haj Hassan, who is also president of the National Aid Fund (NAF) today presides over a meeting of the fund's directors to discuss its achievements in

The directors will also discuss the administrative and technical problems facing the NAF's bran-

AMMAN (Petra) — Minister of ches and review plans designed to Labour and Social Development improve the NAF's performances and enhance its direct contacts with government institutions.

Also on the meeting's agenda are the holding of symposiums, seminars and lectures on the fund's objectives and prospects for forming national committees to help support the NAF's finan-

Hindawi, Hawamdeh discuss school construction project

AMMAN (Retra) - Minister of Education Thougan Hindawi has reviewed with Minister of Public Works Mahmoud Al Hawamdeh the school construction plan drawn up by a technical committee entrusted with implementing the recommendations of the first National Conference on Educa-

During the Thursday meeting, Mr. Hindawi, Mr. Hawamdeh and other senior officials from both ministries also examined priyate contractors' abilities to carry out the school construction plan, which was deemed necessary in order to end the current doubleshift school system and to cope with the annual increase in the

number of students entering

Also Thursday, Mr. Hindawi presided over a meeting attended by Minister of Planning Taher Kanaan and President of the Royal Scientific Society (RSS) Jawad Al Anani to discuss prospects of including computer sci-

ence in school curricula. The participants stressed the need to support the RSS in its plans to manufacture computers in a bid to make more computers available on the Jordanian market. They also stressed the need for designing a plan for training the educational personnel to teach in the Ministry of Educa-

Jordan and Pakistan sign cultural exchange agreement

ISLAMABAD (Petra) — Jordan and Pakistan bave signed an agreement on bilateral cultural

The agreement provides for cooperation in education, sports, youth activities, archaeology, arts and handicrafts, as well as the exchange of scientific and cultural

The agreement was signed Thursday by Jordan's ambassador to Pakistan, Mr. Fakhri Abu Taleb and the under secretary of the Pakistani Ministry of Culture.

Local firm to build first phase of housing project

AMMAN (J.T.) — The Ministry of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment has awarded a tender to a local firm for constructing the first phase of a housing project at Umm Nuwwara in Amman Governorate.

The first phase of the threestage project entails laying the infrastructure for the housing project. The initial phase is due to be completed by May.

The tender was included in two agreements signed Thursday by Minister of Municipal and Rural Affairs and the Environment Yousef Hamdan Al Jaber and the general manager of the local firm.

try said that the project is being built on 16,800 square metres comprising 578 plots of land, 207 of which will be used for building housing units, complete with all

The project, whose total cost is estimated at JD 1.6 million, is being sponsored by the Urban Development Department (UDD), according to the spokesperson.

He said that two model schools will be built later at a cost of JD 1 million; a health centre at JD 55,000; and community centres and civil defence units for JD

Vocational training centres to set special education units

velopment recently signed an agreement with the United Nations and the Arab Gulf Programme for U.N. Development Orgahisations for setting up special education units at vocational training centres and special

AMMAN (Petra) — The Minis-try of Labour and Social De-ministry's vocational rehabilita-

Under this one-year agreement, which begins in March, the Arab Gulf Programme and the U.N. will contribute \$15,000 to finance the project.

Voters given more time to | Egyptian parliament speaker hails King's efforts towards Arab solidarity

BAGHDAD (Petra) — Egyptian Peoples Council Speaker Rifaat Al Mahjoub Friday hailed His Majesty King Hussein's efforts to heal Arab rifts and regain Arab

"King Hussein's initiative was behind the restoration of Jordanian-Egyptian relations, and it was a courageous and daring step by the King which paved the way for other Arab states to restore their ties with Egypt," Dr. Mahjoub said in a press conference here at the end of a visit to Iraq.

He said that the outcome of the Amman extraordinary Arab summit was positive due largely to efforts exerted by King Hussein to clear the Arab atmosphere.

Dr. Mahioub stressed that his country was committed to the United Nations Security Council Resolution 242, and that it was exerting pressure on Israel to accept the idea of the international peace conference on the Mid-

speaker emphasised the need to stand that.'

the convening of the international conference.

Dr. Mahioub also expressed support for the Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories and said the past month of violent protests could help solve the Arab-Israeli conflict.

He was quoted by Associated Press as saying the recent violence "proved that there is no alternative to achieving peace in The Egyptian parliament the area, and Israel should under-



Tarek, Yazan and Mohammad Rajai: Identical triplets delivered by Mrs. Mouna Rajai in a case described as "a rare occurrence in medical history" (Petra photo)

Healthy triplets born in 'rare' case

By Rana Sabbagh Jordan Times Staff Reporter

AMMAN — After six years of infertility, a 29-year-old Jordanian woman gave birth to identical male triplets, and the supervising doctors called the case as "a rare occurrence in medical his-

Mrs. Mouna Rajai was reported by her doctor in "excellent condition" 24 hours after she delivered her three "healthy and very active male babies". Thursday after-

Tarek, Yazan and Mohammad were the names given to the triplets, who were born with normal weights of 2.2 kilogrammes (kg), 1.95 kg and 1.680 kg, spectively.

Echoing his wife's feelings, Mr. Rajai told the Jordan Times, "Our happiness over having three babies cannot be described."

The babies were delivered during a one-hour Caesarean section operation that was headed by veteran Jordanian obstetrician and gynaecologist Dr. Issam Al

Dr. Saket, who has been supervising Mrs. Rajai for one year, described the delivery as "rare," since the chances of a woman giving birth to identical male triplets on term and without hormonal treatment is one in 18.000. He said the patient was not given any hormone injectable. She had no hormonal stimula-

Barren women are usually given hormonal treatment to induce multiple ovulation, resulting in the implantation of two or

tion. Her ovum was divided into

three ova. pregnancy - which occurs in one pital on Sunday.

out of every 8,000 pregnancies the mother would commonly deliver either three females or babies of both sexes. "But Mrs. Rajai gave birth to three identical males," Dr. Saket

Another factor adding to the rarity of such a birth is that women carrying triplets usually deliver prematurely (before completing nine months of pregnan-cy), as it is often difficult for the

uterus to accommodate three or more babies up until the last In her case, Mrs. Rajai was given medication to suppress premature labour contractions and

entered her eighth month. Mrs. Rajai and the three newborns are expected to be dis-Moreover, in the case of triple charged from the Palestine Hos-

Three more Palestinians fall victim to Israelis

and the West Bank, people have reached a stage of frustration.

They feel they have lost every-

thing, that they have very little to

lose," said Rashad Al Shawaa,

In Rafah, on the border with

Egypt, the Palestine Press Service

said the army used a helicopter to

drop tear-gas on demonstrators.

three West Bank refugee camps
— Balata, Amari and Jelazoun —

because of violent incidents in-

volving petrol bombs and stone-

use the lethal gas three days ago.

bombs had been thrown from

helicopters into Palestinian

camps and densely-populated

areas of the occupied territories.

issued a statement saying two

people had died from the gas. It

In Belgrade, the PLO bureau

He said thousands of nerve gas

throwing demonstrations.

The army imposed curfews on

former mayor of Gaza City.

(Continued from Page 1) who was recovering from a leg wound, said he was "coming from friend's house when I was shot in

Army officials confirmed marksmen used .22-calibre sniper rifles to "single out those who were inciting the crowds."

In Gaza City, protesters gathered in front of the Al Amari Mosque and set fire to tyres after Friday noon prayers. Moments later soldiers arrived in jeeps and the protesters hurled stones. The soldiers fired tear-gas can-

nisters and chased some of the Arabs into alleyways. One middle-aged man was overcome by the gas and was taken away for treatment by passersby.

Tyres were set ablaze in the central Palestine Square and soldiers used water cannons to put out the flames.

The army said a firebomb had been thrown at an Israeli patrol, causing no injuries.

A pamphlet signed by Jihad Islami was distributed in mosques, stores and left on street corners. It called for a stay-athome strike in solidarity with about 1,100 Arabs who remain in jail on protest-related charges.

"Tomorrow (Saturday) there will be a strike. Every car that passes in the street will be burned and destroyed and every store that opens will be burned and

destroyed," said the pamphlet.
"Don't come out of your houses on Saturday... to prove to your sons in prison... that you are with them.

At the Jabalya refugee camp near Gaza City, residents said 21 Arabs had been arrested in overnight sweeps and soldiers had gone door-to-door in some areas looking for suspects. In Jerusalem, police fired tear-

gas to disperse protesters who staged a demonstration after noon prayers at the Al Aqsa Mosque. Protesters shouted: 2In spirit, in blood, we sacrifice for you, oh Palestine."
"Things have absolutely got

Conncil (GCC).

Mr. Sharaa also paid a series of visits to Tehran last month and won tentative agreement from Iran's leaders to open a dialogue

out of hand. In the Gaza Strip named them as Maisa Nasal, 16, from the West Bank town of Qalqiliya, and Enes Shahin, 10. The statement said Bernard Miller, a representative of the

United Nations Relief and Works Agency (UNRWA), had formally complained to the Israeli authorities about the use of nerve gas.
"According to the UNRWA
representative, 10 youths asked

for urgent medical help from doctors of this international body," it said, adding: "It was confirmed that all the cases occurred as a consequence of the effects of the

The Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) accused the A military spokesman said 30 Palestinians were put in "administrative detention" - a practice Israeli army Thursday of using nerve gas against Palestinians in the occupied territories and said several had been killed by it. allowing suspects to be imprisoned by order of military commander for up to six months without trial — in the West Bank Bassam Abu Sherif, adviser to on Tuesday and Wednesday PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat, told Reuters that Israel started to

More had been detained since, both in the West Bank and in the Gaza Strip, but figures were not available, he said.

A military review board in Gaza City, meanwhile, finished hearing the appeals of four Palestinians who were ordered deported on Sunday.

Syrian envoys end Gulf mission

(Continued from Page 1) Sheikh Isa Ibo Salman Al Kha-

The five states on their itinerary of Mr. Khaddam and Mr. Sharaa, plus Saudi Arabia which Mr. Sharaa visited last month, make up the Gulf Cooperation

with the GCC.

President Sheikh Zayed has proposed that three neutral Arab leaders visit Iraq and Iran to thrash out a peace settlement. He proposed that Arab states offer to guarantee payment of war reparations which might be due to

Iran has rebuffed repeated efforts by the United Nations and the Organisation of Islamic Conference (OIC) to stop the war, insisting first on the overthrow of the Iraqi government and international condemnation of Iraq as the aggressor." Iraq has called for uncondition-

al implementation of United Nations Security Council Resolution 598, which demands an immediate ceasefire and return to international boundaries. The Syrian initiative was seen as a key factor in an unexpectedly mild criticism of Iran by GCC

leaders at their Dec. 26-29 summit in Riyadh, the Saudi capital. I the conflict."

Jordan highlights increasing literacy rate on Arab Dayfor the Eradication of Illiteracy

AMMAN (J.T.) — The literacy rate in Jordan is continually rising, and, at present, a total of 10,710 illiterate adults are attending classes at 645 literacy centres throughout the Kingdom, according to the Ministry of Education.

Ministry spokesman Khaled Al from 1961, when it was calculated literacy is due to the intensification of efforts by the ministry to provide education to all segments of the public.

In his statement marking Jordan's observance of the Arab Day for the Eradication of Illiteracy Friday, Mr. Sheikh did not give the exact number of the illiterate people in the country, which, in September 1987, stood at 26 per cent of the population. That figure, according to Ministry of Education Secretary-General Radi Al Waqfi, represented a dramatic improvement

Sheikh said that the increase in that 67 per cent of the population was illiterate.

Dr. Waqfi said that the ministry was doubling its efforts towards eradicating the last traces of illiteracy in Jordan by the year

According to Mr. Sheikh, the Arab League ruled in 1966 that Jan. 8 should be observed annually as the Arab Day for the Eradication of Illiteracy, to serve as a reminder of intensified efforts towards spreading education among all segments of the public throughout the Arab World. Mr. Sheikh said that as the

century, all necessary steps should be taken to eradicate illiteracy which has been impeding economic and social development. in the Arab World.

Referring to the Ministry of Education's literacy programmes, Mr. Sheikh said that it had been opening schools in towns, villages and the badia, offering regular education to nearly one-third of the population.

Jordan began adult education programmes in 1953, when severevening classes were opened in a number of cities, offering free education to those who missed educational opportunities when

they were young.
It was not until 1965 that the Ministry of Education and the Ministry of Social Development joined forces to launch largescale programmes to educate

National research centre encourages cooperative aid, agricultural development

established National Centre for Agricultural Research and the Transfer Technology is currently executing a programme designed to encourage cooperative societies to increase their support for farmers in developing Jordan's highlands, the centre's director, Yousef Rushdi said Friday in a statement to the Jordan

News Agency, Petra. Dr. Rushdi said that this assistance will entail training farmers on the use of modern agricultural machinery, fertilisers and improved seeds.

He said that the centre is also trying to establish agricultural companies or cooperatives for projects at the Ministry of Agriinvesting in large areas of privately-owned land, without en- tre, which cooperates with recroaching upon the rights of the gional and international agriowners, and ensuring that profits cultural centres, serves as a nuc-from the land are distributed to leus for agricultural research and

Another problem which the nology to Jordan. centre is currently tackling is dis- The centre, which functions orderly animal grazing, Mr. under the aegis of the Higher Rushdi noted. He said the centre Council on Science and Technolplans to create pasture land re- ogy chaired by His Royal High-

animals to graze freely. The centre has already carried out its first successful experiment on controlled grazing in the high regions of Ajloun, Dr. Rushdi pointed out. In addition, he said the centre carries out training programme and field trips for farmers and

animal breeders. Early next year, the centre plans to set up four research and extension service units at Ramtha, Mushaqqar, Rabbeh and Shobak; later these units will be transformed into regional cen-

tres, according to Dr. Rushdi. Usama Al Bilbeisi, director of culture, told Petra that the cenleus for agricultural research and the transfer of agricultural tech-

AMMAN (Petra) - The newly- serves cordoned off from the ness Crown Prince Hassan, will be other arable lands for allowing spreading public awareness of agricultural production and development through the various information media, according to Mr. Bilbeisi.

In implementing its projects, the centre cooperates with the Arab Organisation for Agricultural Development, the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), the Jordanian universities and other organisations, Mr. Bilbeisi noted.

This centre, he said, is carrying out its programmes with the backing of a government fund which receives assistance from the United States Agency for International Development (USAID).

He pointed out that the centre's financing is directed mainly to agricultural research projects and the development of large

areas of privately-owned land. Mr. Bilbeisi also said that the centre will address diseases that affect crops, means for increasing

FJCC board stresses role of trade sector in boosting national economy

IRBID (Petra) — President of the Federation of Jordanian Chambers of Commerce (FJCC) Hamdi Al Tabbaa said that the trade sector in Jordan played an important role in efforts to boost the national economy.

Mr. Tabbaa, during a meeting of the FJCC board held in Irbid Thursday, added that Jordan enjoyed a strategic location and an international reputation which qualified it to be a distinguished centre for trade and industrial and service activities in the re-

"Jordan's economy has shown

a good capacity to respond to the current economic situation, as real growth rates have remained much better than those in many developing countries and in some advanced countries," Mr. Tabbaa reduce the trade deficit.

He said that the government had been doing its utmost to assist the recovery of the national economy by concentrating, in its financial and economic policies, on encouraging local and foreign investors by granting privileges and incentives, thus creating a suitable investment climate.

embarked on a policy of supporting local production and national exports and, at the same time, rationalising imports in order to

The FJCC president added that the 1988 budget reflected the government's policy aimed at activating the national economy.

During Thursday's meeting, the board also discussed the federation's 1987 activities, its 1988 budget and a number of issues concerning chambers of commerce in various governorates.

Rifai, Masri meet senator

(Continued from Page 1) occupied territories.

The senator was forced to retreat from the Qalandia refugee camp near Ramallah shortly after arrival Thursday when a violent confrontation broke out between Israeli troops and a few dozen Palestinian students.

"I think it's one thing that comes with occupation, and Palestinians there do not like it," Mr. Chaffee told AP. "It is a political problem and it requires a political solution... but the concerned parties cannot agree on a suitable approach.

He asserted the need for an international peace conference but hoped that the Israeli prime minister, Yitzhak Shamir, "can be persuaded." The senator criticised the Israeli military for shooting at Palestinian demon-strators. "I do not think it was helpful to use live ammunition,"

Commenting on Israel's decision to deport nine Palestinians accused of leading anti-occupa-tion protests, Mr. Chaffee said: "I think this move inflames passion against all international laws. I do not think it solves the problem... the solution lies with some hope for the Palestinians... a belief that there would be an end to

Abu Nuseir estate to host main Arbor Day celebration

tree planting celebrations throughout the country. Ghaleb Arrabi, director of the Afforestation and Range Department at the Ministry of Agriculture said in a statement that the main celebration this year will be held under royal patronage at the Abu Nuseir housing estate. He said that nearly 250 dunums of land will be planted with fruit and forest trees in the course of the celebrations in and around the housing estate.

AMMAN (J.T.) — Jordan will

this month mark Arbor Day with

He also said that a public garden will be set up within the Abu Nuseir area for the benefit of the residents, in cooperation with the Greater Amman Municipality. Altogether, 30,000 olive and more trees.

the past year, according to Dr. Abu Arrabi. In addition, he said that Minister of Agriculture Marwan Hmoud toured Thursday the areas which will be planted in the Abu Nuseir estate and was briefed on preparations for the planting process.

pine tree saplings will be planted during the celebrations, and these

will be provided by the Ministry

of Agriculture's nursery, which

produced nine million saplings in

Dr. Abu Arrabi said that saplings produced by the nurseries are being sold to the public at 100 fils a piece, and that the ministry is distributing tree saplings to all organisations, schools and the public to encourage them to plant

U.S. Congressional staffers depart after concluding visit

AMMAN (Petra) — A senior U.S. Congressional staff delegation Friday left Amman at the end of a several-day official visit. during which they met with His Majesty King Hussein and senior

The delegation also visited a

number of archaeological, histor-

ical and touristic sites in the

Jordanian officials.

Another Congressional delegation is due here today on a 10-day visit upon the invitation of the World Affairs Council.

During the visit, the delegation will meet with a number of senior officials and will visit archaeological and touristic sites, as well

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Al Ra'i: Uprising needs support

THE Civil disobedience which the people of the occupied Arab territories plan to carry out is considered a courageous development of the uprising in the face of Israel's atrocities against the Arab population. This reaction to Israel's arbitrary measures and attacks on civilians is a legitimate right of the Arab people who have been suffering under Israeli oppression for the past 20 years, and who have been exposed to terrorism and to all forms of torture. The disobedience is a demonstration by the oppressed population of their real feelings in the face of continued Israeli crimes which have now entered a second month. The coming disobedience in the occupied territory is tantamount to a rebellion and a continuation of the struggle for freedom; and should therefore prompt the Arab countries and world organisations to support this rightful and legitimate struggle. The Palestinians are now in need of genuine and practical support from their brothers and kinsmen in the Arab World to help them stand up to Israel's unprecedented acts of terrorism, and to help them maintain their struggle to achieve freedom. The Arab countries should realise that worldwide condemnation of Israel's practices serves as a favourable catalyst in the struggle, and creates a positive atmosphere for Arab leaders' action.

Al Dustour: Uprising enters second month

THE uprising of the Arab population under Israeli rule has now entered its second month with no sign that Israel is giving up its current repressive policies or showing any inclination towards accepting the will of the international community. Israel seems intent on pursuing all forms of terrorist acts in total defiance of U.N. resolutions and in violation of international principles and values; and is killing more women and children, imposing curfews on refugee camps and depriving the indigenous population of their basic needs for food supplies and medicine. Israel's continued onslaught and repression opens the way for the local Arab population to exercise their legitimate rights of resisting occupation and defending their rights and their homeland by any possible means available to them. Israeli Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's falsehoods and deceits will serve Israel no good, and the presence of troops and their atrocities in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip can by no means stop the Arab uprising and revolt. The Israelis are arrogantly pursuing their objective of judaising Arab land and evicting Arab inhabitants, but the Arab people are more determined than ever to thwart Israel's actions and evil aims. The rebellious Arab population and the increasing anti-Israeli actions are significant signs of the Arab inhabitants' determination to resist occupation and achieve freedom. As the uprising enters the second month, Israel is proving more adamant in its position, but the Arabs too are going ahead with plans to abort Israel's plans.

Sawt Al Shaab: World condemns Israel

FOR the first time in many years the U.N. Security Council has issued a unanimous resolution condemning Israel's ill-practices in the occupied Arab lands and urging it to refrain from deporting Arab men from their homeland. British Minister of State for Middle Eastern Affairs David Mellor said his views about Israel's atrocities represent those of the British government, and the U.S. administration has joined the world community at the Security Council in condemning Israel's actions. Therefore, it is time for Israel to realise that it can no longer pursue its policies in defiance of the world community and even its own friends, and should realise that its iron first policies and acts of repression against the Arab population should end. Israel should realise that it can no longer keep land it occupied by force and at the same time continue to enjoy peace and security. It also must know that it cannot live in total isolation from the international community whose resolutions it continues to violate and disregard. We want Israel to succumb to Security Council's resolutions and world demands by stopping its atrocities and ending its occupation of Arab people.

Thursday's

Al Ra'i: Israel rejects U.N. resolution

SOON after the U.N. Security Council condemned Israeli actions, calling on Israel not to deport the Arab citizens, Israeli leaders announced their rejection of the resolution which was taken unanimously. They declared their regret over the U.S. voting for the resolution and said that they would go ahead with plans to execute the deportation measures, in clear defiance of the Geneva conventions and international laws and principles. In the light of Israel's reaction, the U.N. Security Council ought to take steps to stop Israel's defiance of the international community's will. The council's responsibility does not end by issuing resolutions, especially as those non-committing themselves to implementing these resolutions tend to create an even more dangerous situation, by tampering with peace. The council ought to stop repression committed by Israel against the innocent civilian population under its rule, and end the tragedy of the Palestinian people. Lack of practical steps on the part of the council had in the past brought about a freezing of U.N. resolutions and served to encourage the Israelis to pursue their arbitrary acts and terrorist activity against the civilian population.

Al Dustour: Israel isolated

A U.N. Security Council resolution adopted unanimously on Wednesday represents a slap in the face of Israel by the international community which has become appalled by atrocities committed against the Arab population in the West Bank and the Gaza Strip.
This resolution which condemned Israel's atrocities is the second of its kind since the start of the uprising in the occupied Arab territories a month ago, and demonstrates more clearly than ever before the isolation of the Jewish state from the rest of the community of nations. It is clear now that the whole world supports the rights of the Palestinian people in their homeland, and Israel stands alone in confronting the international community's will continuing to oppose what is right and just. The Israeli government which succeeded in unifying its stand in the face of the uprising and which sent out troops to quell the uprising and the revolt, has found itself powerless in the face of the worldwide condemnation. Israel stands out naked and exposed to the whole world unable to protect itself with falsehood by which it had deceived the world over the past 40 years.

U.N. vote seen straining U.S. relations with Israel

By Carol Giacomo

WASHINGTON - Washington's unusual support for a U.N. resolution criticising Israel adds new strain to the U.S.-Israel rela-

tionship and could make America's key Middle East ally more defiant in handling protests in the occupied lands, according to private analysts.

But at least one former U.S. diplomat who is partial toward Israel said Washington had no choice in the matter and too much should not be read into the

The diplomat, who asked not to be identified, said in an interview there are times "when an issue like this is brought to the U.N. Security Council and we can't duck it.

The diplomat said the United States, as a world power and founding member of the United Nations, did not have the luxury wing parliamentarian Moshe "strategic mistake" that could

what."

For the first time in six years, the United States on Tuesday voted in favour of a Security Council resolution critical of

The vote followed a difficult year in U.S.-Israeli relations because of revelations about the Iran-contra scandal and a furore about Israeli espionage in the United States. The resolution called on Israel

accused of leading anti-occupa-tion protests in the West Bank At least 26 Palestinians have been shot dead during the protetsts, which erupted on Dec. 9. Publicly and privately, U.S. offi-

cials have faulted Israel for using excessive force. Israel expressed disappointment at the U.S. vote and right-

of saying "these are our allies and we will support them no matter ter, said it reflected a deterioration in the bilateral relationship.

He told Israeli army radio the United States must realise "the decision must be in our favour on issues connected to the security of the state and that the allied relations... obligate the United States to support our standpoints."

The former U.S. diplomat said Arens exaggerated the nature of any alliance.

There is nothing implied in our alliance that requires us to support Israel in every forum on not to deport Palestinians it has every occasion if the government thinks the Israelis are off-base,"

> He predicted the U.S. vote will "make the Israelis more defiant on the issue of deportations and make things tense for a while but won't fundamentally change the U.S.-Israeli relationship.

Middle East expert Jed Synder called the deportation decision a seriously jeopardise U.S.-Israeli

This is not the first time that Israel has placed Washington in an embarrassing position." he

Synder, deputy director of national security studies for the Hudson Institute, said the 1982 Israeli invasion of Lebanon began a process of self-examination that has made U.S. lawmakers and American Jews look more critically at Israel.

'My view is that unconditional support for Israel is going to be harder to come by in the next few years," he said.

State Department spokesman Charles Redman rejected suggestions the relationship had deteriorated. "It's a very strong, it's a very diverse relationship," he

William Maynes, editor of foreign policy magazine, said the issue is not Washington breaking ranks with Israel but Israel forc- Israelis or Palestinians" by taking

ing Washington to reassert long-standing policy. Succeeding U.S. administra-

tions have taken the position that "there should be an exchange of land for peace," in the Middle East and that Israel should treat Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza according to the 1949 Geneva Convention rules for civi-

lians in occupied lands, he said. That convention prohibits deportations of persons in occupied territories "regardless of their motives."

He said the recent protests and Israeli plans to deport at least nine Palestinians had created a dilemma for Washington, Israel's staunchest ally and biggest benefactor, recipient of \$3 billion

annually in aid.
On the one hand, the United States did not want to "get into an unnecessary shoving match with the Israeli government or stir passions unnecessarily among

one side of the other, lie and On the other, it left come to defend its long-standing policy on the occupied lands, be said.

Synder speculated that Washington was concerned the deportations could create marryrs

and sour greater violence.

The U.N. vote was a nightly the Israelis "cannot expect to take radical steps that ignore the longterm implications of their policies

in the region," he said. More importantly, he said, the resolution was a chance for the United States to show Arab states that in this one parrow case at least it could disagree with Israel.

Both Maynes and Synder criticised israel for overreacting to the Palestinian protests and for failing to deal with the substance of the problem.

They are only responding to the violence, not to the causes of that violence," namely the conditions of life for Palesumans under occupation, Synder said.

Djibouti dreams of becoming 'Hong Kong of the Red Sea'

By Pascal Fletcher

DJIBOUTI — For 10 years since Diibouti's independence from France, its leaders and businessmen have cherished a dream — to make their small, resourcestarved country a "Hong Kong of

the Red Sea.' By tapping the riches of one of the world's busiest shipping crossroads they hoped to turn Djibouti into a major trading and manufacturing centre.

The dream has not become a reality. Hemmed in by an unproductive desert wasteland, Djibouti's port capital, where 65 per cent of the nation's 45.000 people live, depends for its survival on the outside world.

Djibouti has minimal agriculture and little domestic industry and imports nearly all of its food and energy needs. Its economic activity is centred on the trade and services provided by its port and on income from import duty

But government and business leaders are renewing efforts to sell Djibouti as a potential target for foreign investment.

"In the next 10 years, Diibouti can become a centre of business and industry," Ali Coubeche, head of Diibouti's international chamber of commerce and industry, told Reuters.

Situated at the southern entrance to the Red Sea and acting as a gateway to the Indian Ocean and the Gulf, Djibouti is already

Ethiopia, Somalia, North and South Yemen. Saudi Arabia and tries.

Oman and is ideally placed to reach markets further away in Africa, Europe and Asia.

Diiboutian leaders want to build on this strategic position, transforming the country into a hub of trade, receiving and distributing goods on a regional and international basis.

They want to create a thriving manufacturing and re-export industry which will import raw and semi-finished products, transform them with the help of Diiboutian labour and dispatch them to these foreign markets.

Coubeche said the sort of reexportable goods which could be produced or assembled in the free trade zone established in 1980 included cars, clothing and electrical products.

Diibouti has a modern port equipped for raw cargo and container traffic, modern telecommunications, a stable currency convertible against the dollar and liberal investment and foreign exchange laws which allow unrestricted import and export of currency and tax breaks.

Foreign aid officials based in Djibouti agree that the country must diversify and broaden the be a new mentality which goes beyond trade and looks at industry... industry must be created, jobs must be created," one aid official, who asked not to be named, said.

and the Gulf, Djibout is arready a major shipping port and an important base for French naval tions do not yet exist for industrial growth. They point to high Indian Ocean.

It is at the centre of a potential market of 70 million people in bill for fuel, and a lack of skilled manpower to supply future indus-

"People can't come here and build an industry because costs are so high," said one banker, who did not want to be named.

geothermal power will soon provide cheap electricity. The banker also spoke of bureaucratic red tape affecting

the discovery of reserves of

Government officials hope that

taxes and visas, corruption in official circles and a lack of qualified personnel, all of which had obstructed investment. "Djibouti was booming up to 1982... now it seems like we're just dragging on... and unless the

government takes steps, things will deteriorate," he added. Djibout's gross domestic product leaped by 4.5 per cent in 1982 but growth had checked and slowed to 0.4 per cent by 1984.

In 1985, the country recorded another massive trade deficit with imports totalling 35.7 billion Djibouti francs (\$199 million) and exports, mostly livestock, only 2.5 billion (\$14 million).

The total number of dockings at the port has declined from 1,174 in 1979 to 955 in 1986. the result of a drop in refuelling stops. But the volume of cargo fic handled has risen 621,000 tonnes in 1986 from 370,000 tonnes seven years be-

Container traffic increased from 55 vessels in 1977 to 136 in-1986, boosted by the inaugura-tion in 1985 of a deep water container terminal with "roll-on, roll-off" facilities.

Government officials say Diibouti can both compete with and complement the nearby ports of Berbera in Somalia, Assab in Ethiopia, Aden in North Yemen and Hoddeidah in South Yemen. | Societies.

Regional rebellions rock the cradle of non-violence

By Dilip Ganguly The Associated Press

NEW DELHI - Regional rebellions and terrorist attacks in India, which once viewed itself as the cradle of non-violence, cost the lives of at least 1,837 people last year, according to figures compiled by the government and the Associated Press.

More than 5,000 people were wounded in the political and sectarian violence.

"India is a boiling cauldron, I mean, a boiling, democratic cauldron," a Home Ministry spokes-

The most sustained and vicious rebellion is in Punjab, where Sikh militants seek greater autonomy or even an independent nation. But 1987 also saw sectarian

riots, a Gurkha guerrilla war in the tea plantations around Darjeeling and tribal revolts in the states of Bihar and Tripura. Last month brought a phenomenon virtually without precedent here the taking of hostages; by Maoist guerrillas in the jungles of southern India.

"The events have no doubt raised questions about the future, but India is a big country, and in a democracy these things are deaths on Sikh gunmen who bound to happen," said the Home Ministry spokesman, who under government regulations cannot be identified.

But political scientist Dhirubhai Sheth said failure to end the rebellions has a cumulative state. effect that cannot be ignored.

"The government is not only unable to counter the campaigns (rebellions) but does not have the guts or willingness to face them boldly," said Sheth, a professor and staff member of the Centre for the Study of Developing

Gandhi's three-year-old government and receives most of its funds from the government.

"Some of the problems are old, some new, but what has added to the fear is the fact that the government, despite having enough time and support of the people, has failed (to solve them), "Sheth said in an interview. "Now it looks like we are reaching the

He and other political analysts say the violence could grow into a crisis in 1988 for this nation of 780 million people — an assertion disputed by the chief government spokesman, Rammohan Rao.

"That is too sweeping a statement to make. Things are not as bad as they appear to be," Rao

The most serious problem is violence by Sikhs in the northern state of Punjab next to the border with Pakistan.

At least 975 civilians, 281 Sikh militants and 57 policemen were. killed in Punjab last year, according to daily tallies kept by the AP. The government, which has advanced several peace plans for the area, blamed most of the civilian stormed into the homes of non-Sikhs and moderate Sikhs alike.

About 13 million of India's 16 million Sikhs live in Punjab, and the most militant want to form a new nation in the rich farming

"Punjab is a classic example of the typical Indian way of approaching a problem: Let it drift, drift and drift," Sheth said.

The rise of Maoist extremists, called Naxalites, is also causing concern. A government state-ment issued Dec. 30 said 200 people died in 1987 in violence are falling, and falling fast."

The centre serves as a think unleashed by Naxalites, who held tank for Prime Minister Rajiv 24 government employees hosstage from Dec. 27 to Dec. 29 in Andhra Pradesh state until eight Naxalites were freed from prison.

> After the state government caved in to the Naxalites demands, the federal government issued a statement that said: "There can be no compromise with such violence and there can be no appeasement of terrorism."

The Naxalites, who take their name from Naxalbari village in West Bengal state, advocate armed overthrow of the government and are active in Andhra Pradesh and in pockets of Bihar and West Bengal. Another trouble spot is the

Himalayan hill district of Darjeeling in West Bengal state where Gurkhas, once the feared fighters of the imperial British army, want a separate state. At least 60 people were killed last year in Gurkha attacks.

Communal rivalry claimed 179 lives last years, mostly in New Delhi, Meersk, Alamsdahad and Baroda. There also were rebellions by

"tribals," who often live outside the political and economic mainstreams of Indian society and resent intrusions by settlers from other areas. In Tripura, along the border

with Bangladesh, the government blamed 70 killings in 1987 on tribespeople seeking autonomy or secession.

Another revolt, by tribespecple who want a separate state in the Bihar's Jharkhand region.

claimed 15 lives last year. "Gandhi had promised robust economic growth and solution to all the problems," said Sheth. "It all looked rosy. The petals held on for some time, but now they

S. parties hunt candidates with election prospects changed

By Michael Gelb

WASHINGTON — The Democrats enter the 1988 U.S. presidential election year without a compelling issue or a strong and dynamic candidate, but the Re-publicans could learn their choice for the White House as early as February.

As the parties search for a candidate who can take over the leadership of the nation from President Reagan, 1987 is seen as the year that turned on its head for the Democrats.

Republican political analysts are now claiming that only a divisive Republican nomination fight or a severe economic downturn can prevent Reagan's party from holding the White House for another four years.

Twelve months ago, Democratic favourite Gary Hart was the voters' preference and the Republicans seemed to be in a shambles in the wake of the Irancontra affair.

The Democrats had been confident 1988 would be their year to recapture the White House after eight Republican years, with the party capitalising on the Irancontra scandal and a perceived desire for change among the vo-

As the parties go into election year, things have changed.

But the Republicans have weathered the Iran-contra scandal, President Reagan has signed an historic treaty with the Soviet Union scrapping medium-range nuclear arms, and many Republi-can strategists are now confident about the future.

The surprise decision of Hart to rejoin the race has thrown the Democratic contest into confusion. The former Colorado senator, 51, quit the race last May

after newspapers alleged he had arrextramarital affair with Miami model Donna Rice — a sex scandal that deeply embarrassed the

Twelve months ago, opinion

beating any Republican. Recent polls indicate that rivals. either Vice-President George Bush or Senate Republican lead-

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polls showed Hart, then un- er Robert Dole would defeat with Democratic voters, are curtainted by the Rice affair, easily Hart, who leads the Democratic field, and trounce any of Hart's

> Hart and black activist Jesse Jackson, the leaders in popularity

rently seen by most commenta-

tors as unelectable. In the contest for the Republican Party candidacy, all eyes are on Iowa and new Hampshire.



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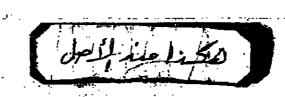




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Scrutiny of the budget, or of Parliament?

THE BUDGET is one of the most important, if not the most important, document that the government produces. It sets the framework for all the government's activities. Its far reaching consequences thus demand close scrutiny from the body entitled to do that by the constitution, namely parliament. It is obvious for all those who rians who passed it only last year

followed the budget deliberations are now demanding that it be and approval by the Lower revised. House of Parliament that this year's budget was passed with great ease and few problems. This was apparently done by including members of Parliament from almost all schools of thought in the Financial Committee entitled with studying the budget. Thus, this very important document directly affecting all of our not. To put it bluntly, we want lives was passed in a record 10 cooperation for its results, not for clear to me that such financial

days, among insistence from Par-liament that it was carefully stu-It is thus died. Memory is too fresh to forget the new election law, also passed in record time, also among insistence that the Legal Committee has given it enough scrutiny. The result is that at the first hint of elections, when the law was put to test, our same parliamenta-

It is a healthy sign for government and Parhament to cooperate. On the other hand, one has the right to question compromises that would leave a lot of questions unanswered. One has the right to wonder whether, for the sake of speed, important budget details were studied or

It is thus difficult for me to believe that this document was given the due attention it deserves in 10 days. Gratitude for members of the Committee for their enduring efforts should not be used as an excuse to prevent citizens from insisting that their representatives do their proper A quick look at our representa-

tives show that there are few financial experts in the Lower House of Parliament, let alone in the Financial Committee. Thus, efforts at studying the budget remain incomplete unless cou-pled with professional help from independent financial experts. It is not enough to consult only with the minister of finance or the director of the budget. It is not

help was sought, and that thorough analyses and judgments could be ments of some of our parliamade in 10 days.

Yet Parliament insists that, despite the lack of financial expertise, despite the lack of proper information resources, despite the lack of sufficient time, the Financial Committee has done a "marvellous" job. It does not explain how. While I am not necessarily criticising the 1988 budget, I would like to believe, being a layman, that my representatives are taking all steps to make sure that it is a sound one.

To the average citizen, who does not attend the meetings of the Financial Committee, all he can go by are the general sessions of Parliament. Judging from these sessions, and the budget

mentarians. I dare say that the level of discussions was at times bordering on the financially irresponsible. Otherwise, how can one explain the number of members who stood on the podium demanding on the same note an increase in expenditures in different sectors and a reduction of

the deficit in the budget? I can only deduce that a member doing this is either trying to please his constituents by demanding the impossible, or that he lacks basic financial concepts. Both cases are inexcusable. Not one single member suggested ways of trimming the budget versus increases in other sectors that he demanded. And while several members

raised concerns about certain

items in the budget, none was ready to follow these concerns with specific suggestions or resolutions. Deputies seemed content to speak their mind on whatever issues concerned them, and then to go back to their seats and give their unqualified approval. The concept of follow-up

appeared to be lacking. The legislative branch is, unfortunately and bluntly, not always up to the required par. The present Parliament is not always fully informed, and there are no signs to suggest that it is working to set up a better system of information. It is not even capable of demanding and getting more money from the budget it itself is approving to upgrade its

have better judgments.

Most of what we listened to last month were general statements, vague criticisms, or narrow demands. We expected Parliament to discuss the budget of Jordan, yet all we got were selfish de-mands for this region or that, with no harmony to the national budget.

We need some new blood. Not that a new Parliament would change things drastically. A new Parliament would, in all probability, though, be younger and more educated. That in itself would be a positive development. I would inject some needed enthusiasm. be more informed, and seek information more seriously, all of which are required if our parliamentary proinformation collecting and pro-cessing capabilities to enable it to of our people and our country. cess is to live up to the expectations



Douglas Seale plays Clapper, a gentlemen's gentleman until the household is overrun with 5 orphan girls ages 7 to 17 in "Rags to Riches," on Thursdays at 9:10.

Jordan Television Channel two preview

8:30 Sorry Little Foxes

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As his wedding day approaches, Timothy discovers that marriages are not necessarily happy ever-

9:00 Variety

10:20 Heart is a lonely hunter Feature Film Starring Alan Arkin and Sandra

Locke The film is about the life of a deaf-mute in a small southern town. Brought to the screen with admirable sensitivity by all those involved, it is a moving story of loneliness, human boorishness and cruelty. A remarkable 8:30 Valerie prizewinning performance by

Sun. — Jan. 10, 1988

8:30 Farrington of the F.O. 9:10 Omnibus Hemingway Documentary

10:20 Secret Army Sergeant on the Run

(Part Two)

Three untrained pilots were asked to work in the country under occupation. They lost their courage upon seeing the first German soldier. Two of them were arrested and the third runs

Mon. — Jan. 11, 1988

8:30 Are You Being Served? "Conduct unbecoming"

9:10 Moonlighting

10:20 Yuri Nosenko Feature Fibu A true-life spy drama starring

Lee Jones. This is one of the most remarkable stories ever to come out of the Cold War; a story not only of the cat-and-mouse confrontation between two mirror-image adversaries - Steve Daley and Yuri Nosenko - but also of the search for "Sasha, a KGB mole at the heart of the CIA.

- Jan. 12, 1988

8:30 Standby... Light! Camera! Action!

y:50 Executive Sires Caroline and Donald Fairchild are successfully managing to keep their marriage a secret from col-leagues at Oasis Publishing, and Caroline is beginning to make quite a name for herself as editorial director, especially when it comes to spotting new writers. However, she doesn't find her sales and marketing director as supportive across the boardroom table as she might expect.

10:20 The Equalizer

11:10 Three's Company

Wed. — Jan, 13, 1988

9:00 Well Being All in the Mind Documentary

The programme sets out to show that the mind is as potent as any drug and that it can be a major force in the cause as well as the cure of disease. A variety of therapies, orthodox and 'alterna--tive', ranging from heart surgery to hypnosis, nomeopathy and the laying on of hands are demons-trated as examples of how belief and the power of suggestion can contribute to our well being.

9:35 Alfred Hitchcock pre-

10:20 Floodtide (Last Episode)

Thu. — Jan. 14, 1988

8:30 Kate & Allie

9:10 Rags to Riches

10:20 Captain Horatio Horn-Feature Film Starring Gregory Peck and Virgi-

Fri. — Jan. 15, 1988

8:30 Nothing is Easy

9:10 Magnum

mia Mayo.

10:20 Falcon Crest

11:10 Dr. At Large

U.S. science made major advances in 1987

By Jim Fuller

WASHINGTON - This year has been marked by significant de-velopments in science in the United States in areas ranging from the minute world of the AIDS virus to the gigantic world of exploding stars and massive chusters of galaxies that are causing changes in theories about forces that shaped the universe.

Probably the most beneficial developments for mankind have occurred in the area of AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome), where researchers in just a few short years have isolated and cloned the virus that causes the deadly disease, identified its genes and described their func-

AIDS, which destroys the body's ability to fight disease, is expected to infect anywhere between five and 10 million people around the world by 1991.

This year two potential vaccines have been approved for human testing in the United States, one made from a virus that has been used to manufacture the smallpox vaccine and the second containing a protein produced by insects but mimicking protein on the surface of the AIDS virus. - 2013

disease that was recognised only man genome. six years ago is evidence of remarkable progress," Dr. Anthony Fauci, AIDS research coordinator at the National Institutes of Health, told reporters

Also this year the drug azidothymidine, or AZT, became the first and at this point only drug to be licensed for use in the treatment of AIDS in the United States. Although AZT is not a cure, it has had a major effect on the survival of AIDS patients. By the end of the year the U.S. Food and Drug Administration had

ing against AIDS. One of the most recent research developments involves the production of an artificial molecule that tricks the AIDS virus into not attacking human cells

approved about 40 drugs for test-

and that one day may be used to deliver toxic substances directly to the AIDS virus. In another major advance this

year, researchers have successfully mapped the relative positions of more than 400 genetic markers

development that could lead to better ways to prevent and treat diseases related to defective genes. Markers are recognisable segments of chromosomes that serve as reference points for locating genes. Chromosomes are the threadlike components in the cell that carry the genes, the chemical blueprints that govern all inheritable traits.

Through the use of previously known genetic markers scientists have already made important discoveries about genetic factors in several diseases, including cystic fibrosis and some forms of mental

The new map of genetic mar-kers is considered an important step in a major effort to decipher the entire human genetic code, a feat that could have a revolutionary impact on health and disease. More than 3,500 million chemical units make up the genetic code, known as the human genome. Although only about one per cent of the genetic code has been sequenced (mapped to show the relative positions of the component chemical units), technological breakthroughs in the use of high-speed computers and lasers are expected to make the sequencing of the entire code even-

tually feasible. The U.S. Department of Ener-"The fact that two vaccine pro- gy earlier this year directed two ducts have already been of its national laboratories to approved for testing against a establish centers to study the hu-

> "Consider that 4.000 human diseases have a genetic basis, James Wyngaarden, director of the National Institutes of Health, told a recent medical symposium in Washington. "Such a project could result in discovery as to why some persons get diseases such as cancer, heart disease and mentai iliness.

> In another major advance, scientists this year for the first time used ultrashort pulses of laser light to observe chemical molecules at the instant of their creation. Ahmed Zewail, professor of chemical physics at the California Institute of Technology, compared the new laser technique to a camera or microscope that can see exactly how chemicals react

to form other chemicals. 'Observing the instant of a molecule's creation is for a chemist what observing the Big Bang would be for an astronomer," he said. The Big Bang explosion is the event believed to have started

the expansion of the universe.

possible someday to produce desired substances such as medicines and industrial chemicals cheaply, or to perform laser "surgery" on human genes to correct inherited defects, Zewail said. The new technique will also make it possible to observe the process by which an attacking, virus, such as AIDS, implants its own genetic material into a hu-

In physics, researchers have begun to demonstrate the practical potential of a new class of superconductors that could lead to profound technological changes throughout the world.

Superconductivity, the ability of a material to transmit electricity without resistance, could only be achieved in the past at supercold temperatures. In the last year, however, researchers have been reporting superconductivity in a new class of ceramic materials at much warmer tempera-

Although the commercial application of high-temperature superconductors may still be years away, experts report that they could eventually lead to better computers, magnetically levitated trains, and more efficient generation and transmission of electrical power. Scientists at Cornell University : recently :: demonstrated that communications lines made from the new material can transmit data at speeds 100 times faster than today's state-of-theart optical fiber networks.

Also this year President Reagan announced support for construction of the Superconducting Super Collider, which would become the world's largest and most powerful atomic particle smasher. The 83-kilometre ring-shaped tunnel will hurl subatomic particles at each other at close to the speed of light. The energy of the collisions will be comparable to the energy that existed in the universe a fraction of a second after the Big Bang. The new facility is expected to cost 4,400 million dollars and be completed in 1996.

In astronomy, the spectacular explosion of supernova 1987A has provided astronomers a rare opportunity to observe the development of an exploding star at close range. The supernova was first sighted last February in the Large Magellanic Cloud, located near the Milky Way galaxy. Astronomers have not seen a supernova this close in nearly 400

ing equipment.
Supernovas mark the death of giant stars and are the source of

all heavy elements in the universe. Understanding them, according to astronomers, is a major part of understanding how the universe developed. Perhaps the most puzzling aspect of supernova 1987A is a

strange bright object that sudden-ly appeared beside the exploding star about a month after its discovery. The object was discovered by scientists of the Harvard-Smithsonian Centre for Astrophysics in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Astronomers believe the large "mystery object," not predicted by supernova models, may be a clump of interstellar material lit up by the supernova, or the top of a plasma jet squirting out of the blast.

Also this year an astronomer at the University of Hawaii's Institute for Astronomy, in Honolulu, discovered evidence that our own Milky Way galaxy is part of an oblong "supercluster complex" that encompasses millions of galaxies and stretches one-tenth the distance across the observable universe. Such a vast chain of galaxies is so large and complex it defies understanding in terms of current theories of cosmology. According to Brent Tully, who

used a supercomputer to graphically construct maps of the supercluster complex, it takes 1,000 million light years, or about 10 per cent of the age of the universe, for light to cross the length of the complex, suggesting that its pattern must have been laid down shortly after the birth of the universe. A light year is the distance light travels in one year at the speed of 297,600 kilometres per second.

The major development in environmental science came when scientists of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA), using high-flying air-craft, found that man-made chemicals and severe weather conditions are responsible for the periodic disappearance of the protective ozone layer over the Antarctic continent each year.

The link between the chemicals, known as chlorofluorocarbons, and the destruction of ozone is so strong that the United States and 24 other signatories agreed last September on an unprecedented treaty to cut worldwide chlorofluorocarbon production by 50 per cent by the turn

Language reflects Israeli-Palestinian hatred By Paul Taylor all. They are called "Judea.

TEL AVIV - In the bitter struggle between Israel and the Palestinians under military occupation in the West Bank and

Gaza Strip, words are barricades. The vocabulary of the conflict reflects the intensity of mutual hatred and contempt, the refusal to accept the legitimacy of the

Most Israelis will not speak of Palestinians. They call them "Israelis tend to use the word

Palestinian only in expressions like 'Palestinian terror gang', said Meron Benvenisti, head of an independent think-tank on the occupied territories. Likewise most Palestinians

cannot bring themselves to talk about Israelis. They call them "They do not recognise our

nationality. Why should we recognise theirs?" said Najwa Al Obeidi, 23, a Gaza secretary. "We speak of the Jews because it is all of the Jews of the world who are against us," said a stu-dent at Gaza's Islamic University

who asked not to be identified. Palestinians refer to the recent wave of protests, in which Israeli army troops have shot dead at least 22 Palestinians and wound-'ed more than 120, as "resistance", "a revolt" or "an insurrection".

Israelis call the protests orders" or "riots".

Among Israelis, Palestinian leaders tend to fall into two categories — "notables" or "inci-

Psychologically, this reduces the Palestinian leadership to village elders or "criminal conspir-

not recognise that the West Bank and Gaza Strip are occupied at died."

Samaria and the Gaza district" or "the administered territories."

Ordinary Israelis call them "the territories". A director of Israel's government press office once replied to a letter seeking accreditation for a correspondent to cover the West Bank by saying there was no such bank — only Bank Leumi, the Israel Discount Bank

and Bank Hapoalim. In Hebrew, army officers and spokesmen routinely refer to Palestinians as "local residents", in phrases such as "local residents were killed in a disturbance." They almost never say "sol-

diers shot dead a Palestinian.' Satirising the way Israelis talk about the conflict, Jerusalem Post columnist Robert Rosenberg wrote: "Jews are murdered, Arabs die, unless they are moderates, in which case they are not-

Palestinians call themselves "nationalists", Israelis call them

An Israel radio news bulletin might begin: "A unit of the Israel defence force clashed with a terror gang in Samaria last night.' Prime Minister Yitzhak Sha-

mir, denying any spontaneity, legitimacy or seriousness to the uprising in the West Bank and Gaza Strip, spoke of "temporary disorders incited from abroad by the terror organisations."

Each side cherishes its martyrs. Israel radio names every faller Israeli soldier, usually broadcasting a biography and even the place and time of the funeral. It rarely names its Palestinian vic-

An Israeli army spokeswoman, becoming impatient with a reporter's questions about the names of the dead in the latest unrest, Official Israeli parlance does said: "The army cannot go and investigate every Mustafa you say



Understanding chémical reacyears, and never have they seen on all 46 human chromosomes, a tions in detail might make it one so close with modern observof the century. Butling in the 1980s, some traditions never change

By Jeffrey Heller Reuter

LONDON -- An empty wine glass on her head and a champagne tray in her hands, the former owner of a Mississippi liquor store walked gingerly through a London hotel ballroom practising for the day she will become a butler.

It was a class in deportment at Ivor Spencer's butler school, where five students, murmuring in unison "it's a pleasure sir" were winding up a nine-week, £2,000 (\$3,600) course in serving the rich and famous.

"I just decided to chuck it all. I sold all I own," said Sharron Post, 40, former proprietor of a Tupelo, Mississippi liquor store. "Now I'll enjoy a high life style without having to fork out the money myself.

male colleagues graduate from the six-year-old school, they will have had training in dining out at chic restaurants, shopping in the best stores — and froming the morning newspaper. Spencer, the school's headmaster and founder, is a royal toast-

master. He proposes the tradi-

tional toast to Oneen Elizabeth at

By the time she and her four

official functions and ensures that protocol is observed at celebra-

He told Reuters he got the idea of training butlers from a Hollywood producer friend who asked him to arrange to send him one. Spencer said his graduates, 56 in all, can fetch salaries of between \$25,000 and \$50,000 in the United States, where most aspire

to work. They include former British army and air force officers who retired young, self-made businessmen, recent university graduates and plumbers.

"The ideal butler is a person who is really loyal, cares and anticipates everything that may happen. The bag is packed, there is always petrol in the car and extra food for unexpected guests," Spencer said.

Now yuppies — stock market brokers, computer experts and bankers — have discovered the joys of being served, he said. "He works very hard and likes to show off his butler," Spencer said about the young urban pro-

things in life. "It's a great status symbol." A butler is also the in-thing suits, the class of December 1987

with American rock stars, who, he said, are not very well-educated and often rely on their servant to help them spell.

Spencer said butlers are now expected to do more than serve and supervise cleaning. They must know how to assume the duties of a personal secretary, organise foreign travel, hotel reservations, and insurance for expensive trinkets purchased His or her work is almost never

The day begins with the butler ironing a "quality newspaper". The process not only ensures a crisp read but a clean one too, doing away with excess ink.

run and two sets of clothes laid Breakfast follows and the butler then drives his employer to

On to the shops before prepar-

Then a bath or shower must be

ing for lunch or dinner. "It's a long day," Spencer said. At the school, the prospective butlers are told they must bathe fessional who wants the better twice and brush their teeth six to

the office.

seven times each day. Dressed in well-pressed dark

included a 54-year-old Irish-born merchant marine steward, a 25year-old Swede and two young Britons.

"I want to be a butler because for me it's the peak of the work I've been doing all my life," said the former steward, Martin Con-

Training for service also means learning how to bow. Lining up his students, Spencer sked, "how do we bow to Mr. Jones?"

They answered with a curt neck

bend. "And a VIP bow for senator Jones?" The class bowed from the

waist. "Don't look at the floor, look at the person. Be pleased to see him," Spencer instructed. A lesson in serving food from a

tray - "don't let your thumbs

show" - taught the students how to deal with a dinner guest making a pig of himself. "I'm not taking too much am I," asked instructor Donald Weedon, as he piled a mountain

of salad on his plate. "Certainly not sir." the student replied pleasantly. "The chef will

Belgium sends 26 Britons for trial on manslaughter charges

BRUSSELS (R) — Belgium sent 26 Britons for trial on Friday on charges of manslaughter connected with the 1985 Heysel Stadium riot, the public prosecutor's office said.

A spokesman said the Britons, 20 of whom are being held in a Belgian prison, would appear before Brussels Correctional Tribunal, a non-jury court. No date for the trial had been

fixed, he said. The group included 25 fans

Romania

East bloc

entry for

LAUSANNE, Switzerland (AP)

- Romania on Friday became

the fifth Soviet Bloc country to

announce its participation at the

year's summer games in Seoul, the International Olympic Com-

Romania's telexed reply, along

with a confirmation from Burma

also received Friday, brought to

145 the number of national Olym-

pic committees entered for the

games, IOC spokeswoman Claire

Barrau told the Associated Press.

Cuba and Ethiopia are among 22

countries that still had to formally

reply to invitations before the

Jan. 17 deadline set by the IOC.

an all-time high. The previous record was 140 teams that went to

the 1984 Los Angeles Olympics

the only East European country

not to join the Los Angeles boycott, the IOC had received

expected to announce on Monday

that it will participate in the 1988

summer Olympic games in Seoul,

East Germany, confirmed last

month they would take part in the

summer games, calming fears of a

The participation of Soviet

Bloc countries had been in doubt

because of Communist North

Korea's insistence that it share

the staging of the games with

lock, and aircondition.

possible Communist boycott.

Soviet sports sources said.

and Bulgaria.

Before Romania, which was

despite a Soviet-led boycott.

But participation is already at

The Soviet Union, China,

latest

Seoul

mittee (IOC) said.

who were extradited from Britain in September last year to answer charges arising from the disaster which took place before the European Cup final between Liverpool and Juventus in May

Of the 25 extradited, five were

turn home on grounds that they Union and two policemen were not needed for further ques-

A total of 39 people, mainly Italian football supporters, were killed when a stadium wall collapsed in the violence.

The manslaughter charge, the gravest brought against the 26, carries a maximum sentence of 10

later released and allowed to re- ary-general of the Belgian Soccer would also appear in the same court to face charges including involuntary homicide, the spokesman said.

> The 26th person referred for trial was a Briton from Liverpool, Mark Nolan, whose extradition had not been requested by Belgian authorities. The spokesman had no further details on Nolan's

Italians edge French in last-second basket, stay on top in European Cup

basket from Piero Montecchi an 80-78 victory over Orthez in France and kept them at the top of the European Cup basketball final pool after Thursday's

Milan, Italian champions for the past two seasons, led 54-34 at halftime but after Freddy Hufnagel tied the score to cap a stirring comeback by the French champions, Montecchi snatched victory with a desperate drive to

The buzzer to end the game sounded as the ball fell through

win after an opening defeat in the gave defending champions Milan eight-team, 14-game round robin

> Americans Ricky Brown and Bob McAdoo led the Milan scoring with 24 and 22 points. Longrange shooter Howard Carter of the United States topped the Orthez scorers with 23, including four three-pointers.

> Second placed Partizan Belgrade of Yugoslavia kept pace by beating Aris Salonika of Greece 101-94 for their fourth win. Nick Gallis, last year's player of the year after leading Greece to the European nations championship,

LONDON (R) - A last-second the net for Milan's fourth straight was held to 27 points, nearly 10 below his average.

The top four teams qualify for April's semifinals in Ghent, Bel-In the men's Korac Cup, one

team qualifies from each of four groups. Real Madrid are unbeaten leaders of their group after beating Bologna 81-80 in Italy this week.

Cibona Zagreb (Yugoslavia) and Red Star Belgrade (Yugoslavia) lead their groups but Group D has all four clubs with two wins from four games. Zaragosa (Spain) lead Cantu (Italy), and Jugoplastika (Yugoslavia) on

NBA ROUNDUP

Pacers outscore Bucks; Kings humbled

NEW YORK (AP) - Steve Stipanovich scored 25 points and the Pacers hit their final 13 free throws to defeat the Milwaukee Bucks 114-108 Thursday night. Stipanovich, scoring six points in the final 6.5 minutes, hit two free throws with 1:13 to play to give the Pacers a 106-104 advantage. Herb Williams added a layup 44 seconds later to make it 108-104.

The Bucks cut it to two on a 15-footer (5-metre shot) by Terry Cummings, who finished with 32 positive replies for Seoul from East Germany, Hungary, Poland points in the game in Indianapol-But Milwaukee would come Meanwhile, the Soviet Union is no closer as the Pacers scored the final six points from the free throw line, two each by Chuck Person, Vern Fleming and John

Long. In another match, Michael Jor-They said the Soviet National Olympic Committee had called a dan, held to 15 points in the first plenary session for Monday to three quarters, hit a fadeaway decide whether to send a team to jumper to break a 96-96 tie with Seoul, and the vote was expected 56 seconds remaining and lead to be strongly positive.
Two Soviet allies, Hungary and the Chicago Bulls to a 100-96

victory over the Denver Nuggets. Jordan, who finished with 28 points, had four blocked shots and six steals as the Bulls posted their third straight victory. Lafaette Lever led Denver with 31 points and Alex English had 26 in the game in Chicago.

Elsewhere, Derek Harper scored 27 points and Sam Perkins had 23 as the Dallas Mavericks snapped a two-game losing streak by defeating the Phoenix Suns 105-91. The game marked the Warriors to Housto return to Phoenix of first-year Mavericks coach John MaCleod, who was fired by the Suns last

Dallas never trailed en route to beating Phoenix for the 11th time in their last 13 meetings. Mark Aguirre, who finished with 16 points, was ejected along with the Suns' Larry Nance for fighting 21 seconds before halftime in the game in Phoenix.

Perkins had 10 third-period points as Dallas took a 80-68 lead into a final quarter in which Phoenix never got closer than 11. Walter Davis paced the Suns

Purvis Short scored 13 points in the final quarter as the Houston Rockets defeated the Golden State Warriors 120-113.

Akeem Olajuwon sparked the Rockets with 30 points, 20 rebounds and six blocked shots. Short finished with 27 points in the first meeting of the two teams since the Dec. 12 trade that sent Ralph Sampson to Golden State in exchange for Sleepy Floyd and

Short, who was traded by the Warriors to Houston the day before the season started, also was making his first appearance in Oakland in an opposing uniform.

Floyd had 15 points, but Carroll managed only two points. Sampson, who had 14 rebounds and four blocked shots, scored 12 points in the second quarter but finished with just 14 points, all in the first half.

With the score tied at 92 with 10:21 left, Short scored six points to trigger a 19-2 run by the Rockets.

Guards Winston Garland and Otis Smith each scored 19 points to lead Golden State.

In a Spurs-Kings match Johnny Dawkins scored a season-high 30 Spurs to a 124-119 victory over the Sacramento Kings. Walter Berry added 22 and Alvin Robertson 20 as the Spurs snapped a three-game losing streak.

Reggie Theus topped Sacramento with 24 points, while Joe Kleine scored a season-high 22, the same as Kenny Smith, in the game in Sacramento.

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SPORTS IN BRIEF

O'Sullivan takes on Santana

LAS VEGAS, Nevada (AP) — Canada's Shawn O'Sullivan, who narrowly missed an Olympic gold medal, was going for his first professional title Friday night when he meets Luis Santana for the North American Boxing Federation welterweight crown. O'Sullivan will take a 17-1 pro record and what he claims is a mended right hand into the scheduled 12-round bout at Bally's Hotel-

Illness sidelines top Soviet ice dancers

MOSCOW (AP) - Top Soviet ice dancing and pairs skating teams will be unable to compete in the European Championships this month because of injury and illness, the news agency TASS has said. TASS said the Soviet Figure Skating Federation announced the names of those who would participate in the competition at Prague, Czechoslovakia, Jan. 12-17. Olympic champions Yelena Valova and Oleg Vasilyev will not compete in the pairs figure skating because of an injury to Valova, TASS said. Ice dance pair Marina Klimova and Sergei Ponomarenko will not compete because Ponomarenko has been ill, TASS said.

Lundgren crashes out of tennis tourney

AUCKLAND (R) — Top seed Peter Lundgren crashed out of the Auckland Grand Prix tennis tournament on Friday after a humiliating quarterfinal defeat by the unseeded Ramesh Krishnan. Krishnan, an Indian Davis Cup stalwart, needed only 59 minutes to crush the Swede 6-3, 6-1 with a masterly display which put him into the semifinals of the \$150,000 tournament. Lundgren, who blamed a stomach complaint for his poor form, had planned to attack Krishnan's weak serve and dictate terms from

Ozaki in quest for WBA title

TOKYO (AP) — World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight champion Marlon Starling of the United States will make his first title defence against Japan's Fujio Ozaki in February, Ozaki's manager has said. The 12-round title fight will be held at Atlanta City, New Jersey, Feb. 5, said manager Akihiko Honda. It will be the first crack at a world title for the eighth-ranked Ozaki, who has a record of 21 victories, including 14 knockouts, against four defeats.

Rosi to fight Mugabi by end of March

MILAN, Italy (AP) — World Boxing Council (WBC) junior middleweight champion Gianfranco Rosi of Italy must defend his crown against the top-ranked challenger, Ugandan-born John Mugabi, by the end of March, Italian matchmaker Roberto Sabbatini has reported. Sabbatini said Rosi's defence against Mugabi has been imposed by the WBC. The decision will probably upset Rosi's plans to stage a voluntary defence against West German Jose Varela in Frankfurt in March. Another scheduled title defence on April 8 against American Don Curry will be postponed as a result. Curry had outpointed Mexican Lupe Aquino in Genoa last Monday in a 12-round match dubbed as a semifinal to Rosi's crown.

Shriver reaches last 4 despite injury

SYDNEY (R) — Top women's seed Pam Shriver made light of a groin injury to blast her way into the semifinals of the New South Wales Open tennis championships on Friday. The American was leading 3-0 in the first set against fifth-seeded Catarina Lindqvist of Sweden when she was forced to leave the court for treatment.

Faldo takes 1st-round lead

GOLD COAST, Australia (R) — British Open champion Nick Faldo led an international golf tournament here on Friday after opening with a six-under-par 66. The Briton was over par only at the par-four seventh where he three-putted from the edge of the green. Bernhard Langer of West Germany, Australians Rodger Davis and Jeff Senior and American Curtis Strange were lying second on 67 in the non-championship event that carries a first prize of 72,000 Australian dollars (\$51,000).

Rangers to try Bartram

GLASGOW, Scotland (AP) — Scottish soccer champion Glasgow Rangers announced Friday they are to give a trial to Danish international defender Jan Bartram. The 25-year-old left-back, who recently moved from Aarhus to Silkeborg in his native country, will begin training with Rangers on Wednesday with a view to a possible £100,000 (\$180,000) transfer.



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Organisers scrap 9th leg of accident-plagued rally DJANET, Algeria (AP) — The minth leg of the Paris-Dakar race back its vocation as a luminar was cancelled Friday because of safety concerns, and the competi- to all competitors," Balestre said. tors were driving directly to Djado, Niger, to prepare for departed from the original phi-

nisers said. In a statement, the organisers said they were not able to assure refuelling for the helicopters that fly regularly over the course of the world's longest race, which has been plagued this year by serious accidents and extremely difficult conditions.

The 10th leg Saturday will cover 668 kilometres from Djado to Arlit in Northern Niger. The ninth stage was scheduled to follow a punishing 742-kilometre course, including a crossing of the Algeria-Niger border.

In Paris, President Jean-Marie Balestre of the International Automobile Federation said he would summon the Paris-Dakar organisers to a meeting after the race is over to make sure conditions are improved in future

adventure open on an equal basis "This year, the organisers have losophy of the test by transform-Saturday's 10th stage, the orgaing it into a veritable speed

> He said the amateur competitors had no chance of keeping up with the factory-sponsored leaders, backed up by teams of mechanics and air-lifted supplies, and found themselves driving late into the night to stay in the race, then trying to do their own re-

The amateurs make up the great majority of the entrants." Balestre said. "But from the start, the dice were loaded."

Accidents and mechanical breakdowns have forced more than half of the 602 original entrants to abandon the race, which began Jan. 1 in Versailles, outside Paris. It is to end Jan. 22 in Dakar, after daily stages totalling 12,874 kilometres.

Boitano stars in figure skating championship

quadruple jump ever in competition, three-time defending men's history in a different way at the U.S. Figure Skating Championships.

Boitano aroused the crowd and, obviously, the judges as well - with a scintillating short programme Thursday night that earned him an unprecedented eight perfect marks of 6-0. It was last November in

Budapest that Boitano became the first skater in international competition to receive four marks of 6-0 in a short programme. He doubled that feat here, easily maintaining his lead with one phase of the men's competition remaining — Friday night's free

awarded Thursday, in the ice: dance. Defending champions Suzanne Semanick and Scott Gregory won the free dance, as they did the two previous por-tions of the competition. They ice from his blade.

DENVER (AP) — Having aban-doned his attempt to land the first pic team, along with runners-up Susan Wynne and Joseph Druar. After the compulsory figures of

champion Brian Boitano made the women's singles, former world and U.S. champion Debi Thomas was first, ahead of Caryn Kadavy and defending champion Jill Trenary.

But the day belonged to the 24-year-old Boitano.
"I was hoping for one 6.0."
Boitano said. "When eight of

them came up in a row, it was All eight perfect marks were awarded for presentation: the remaining presentation mark was a 5.9. He received mostly 5.9s for

required elements. He dazzled the crowd as much with choreography as with his technique. His short programme, The first senior medals were skated to the ballet "Les Pasineurs" (the skaters), was a tribute to the history of skating, and included some old-fashioned skating moves, including the re-

Lendl to clash with Cash

MELBOURNE (R) — Wimble-don champion Pat Cash looms as ting baseline game perfectly. the biggest hurdle for world number one Ivan Lendl as the Czechoslovak bids for his first Australian Open crown.

The pair, who fought out the final of the world's premier to meet in the semifinals.

last year on the grass courts of women's draw with Martina Nav-Kooyong was a classic which ratilova, Chris Evert, Pam Shriv-Cash won in four sets before er and defending champion Hana succumbing to Sweden's Stefan Mandlikova completing the top Edberg in the final.

But Lendl, the top seed, has year as the event at the newlyconstructed national tennis centre surface which many believe will in the first round.

ting baseline game perfectly. Home-town hero Cash, fourth seed for the Grand Slam championship starting on Monday, is

attempting to become the first Australian to win the singles title bere since Mark Edmondson uptournament last July, are drawn · set John Newcombe in 1976. West German teenager Steffi Their semifinal meeting here Graf was named top seed for the

five seedings. World number one Graf, who had his chances improved this has been in solid practice on the medium-fast artificial surface here for a week, plays little-

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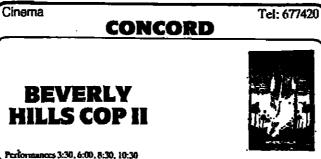
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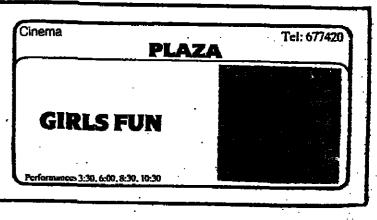
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Japan and U.S. to amend stock trading

TOKYO (Agencies) — Japan's parliament. finance ministry wants tighter Late last controls on insider trading in securities.

"The definition (of insider trading) is very vague and guilt is difficult to determine," Mr. Kazumoto Suzuki, director of the ministry's stock-dealing inspection division, said in an interview.

said the ministry hoped to finish a draft revision of the law of insider trading that would be next month to be presented to covered by the existing law

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LONDON (R) — Following are the buying and selling rates for leading world currencies and gold against the dollar at midday on the London foreign exchange and bullion markets Friday.

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LONDON STOCK MARKET

LONDON (R) — Shares were mixed to easier as the market

ended the long three-week holiday account period, dealers said.

Late in the day, prices mostly tracked Wall Street which turned lower as the dollar slipped. Earlier, the U.S. currency was hit by a

Washington Post report that the 1989 U.S. budget deficit had been underestimated by over \$30 billion. The dollar showed little

reaction to better than expected U.S. employment data for

December. At 1530 GMT Friday, the FTSE 100 index stood 2.4

points lower at 1,784.8 with dealers saying buying for the new

account had limited the market's decline. Stocks had opened

brightly, buoyed by the dollar's early gains and a fourth straight Wall Street rise but renewed dollar jitters soon had prices

retreating. One dealer said, "these reactions to the dollar's ups and downs underline the fact that the market is still fragile. Next

week's U.S. trade figures are the next real test." Next Friday sees

the release of U.S. trade data for November with most forecasters looking for a trade gap of between \$14 and \$15 billion after October's massive \$17.6 billion.

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which needs improvement. Don't lose your temper with a family friend; use tact instead. VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) It is important that you handle your cor-

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cooperation can work wonders. LEO (Jul. 22 to Aug. 21) Pay attention to some home condition which needs improvement. Don't

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Late last year the Osaka stock exchange probed allegations that banks, securities houses and company executives had engaged in insider trading of shares of Tateho Chemical Industries shortly before Tateho disclosed huge losses from bond market invest-

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Specific prohibitions on insiden The probe found no evidence trading, transactions based on corporate information not available to the public, apply under the current law only to company executives and shareholders with **LONDON EXCHANGE RATES**

pany's shares. "The possibility of trading on inside information is not limited to such persons," Mr. Suzuki

more than 10 per cent of a com-

Market experts said the globa-

hisation of stock markets and

greater participation by foreign

investors and brokerages in the

Tokyo market have boosted

pressure on Japan to tighten its

He said possible legal revisions to be discussed at a finance ministry advisory committee meeting included:

- Expanding the definition of insiders to include all company employees and people or firms with long-term ties to a company, such as lawyers, accountants, underwriters and banks

- Creating some restrictions on trading on privileged information obtained by securities analysts and journalists

 Restoring a clause requiring company directors and major shareholders to report holdings in their companies and all transactions in that company's stock.

Meanwhile, the task force appointed by President Ronald Reagan to study the October stock market crash will recommend changes in government regulation of the financial markets. according to published reports.

The task force's proposals

would create a broad new regulatory system over the markets, including daily limits on price movements in stocks and bonds as well as stricter margin requirements, the Wall Street Journal said in Thursday's editions.

But a report Thursday in the Los Angeles Times says the task force will recommend only minor changes to improve coordination abroad, the journal said.

although the exchange said ques-tionable trading had occurred. between stock exchanges and with government regulators. with government regulators.

The five-member panel is scheduled to present its report to President Reagan on Saturday. According to the journal, the

report strongly suggests that the Federal Reserve Board (Fed), the nation's central bank, should assume the central role in supervising the new regulatory structure. That proposal, which hasn't yet been approved by the Fed, would mean secondary roles for existing regulatory agencies such as the securities and exchange commission and the commodity futures trading commission.

The panel's sweeping recommendations will likely spark protest from the securities industry, the journal said. It said they

- Setting daily limits on price movements in all types of securities and a plan to halt trading across different markets whenever those limits are reached in any

- Setting consistent and stricter margin requirements for all securities that are purchased on

- Creating a unified system of clearing and settling trades in

The journal said the report concludes that the lack of regulatory authority to cut across the boundaries of different markets aggravated the trauma of "Black Monday" Oct. 19 and the following Tuesday. The report says government regulators need to treat as one all the securities markets, such as the New York Stock Exchange, the American Stock Exchange, the Chicago Board Options Exchange and the regional stock exchanges, according to the financial newspaper.

The report concludes that the crash was caused by selling of stocks by a handful of institutional investors, but that the selling occurred in a number of different markets in the United States and

High mark likely to scar West German economy FRANKFURT (R) — West Ger-A view widely held in Frank-

many will have to struggle just to furt and elsewhere in Europe is avoid a recession 1988 because that the dollar, after falling to a led economy, economists say.

GENERAL TENDENCIES you will have a chance to consider the various problems and blockages which inhibit your progress, and to the individual on the phone who has the advice you need. If the line is nomy has been weakened, they higher by year-end. busy, keep trying. Improve the apadd, to the extent that it cannot SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) now act as a locomotive of global expansion as the United States and others want.

those of others. Drive with great care while traveling tonight.
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"There is some hope for currency stability but the economic outlook is like the weather dismal," said Mr. Guenther Aschhoff, chief economist of

of the way an appreciating Deuts" record low 1.57 marks from 1.92 chemark has damaged its export- at the start of 1987, could go below 1.55 by mid-1988 but then The third biggest capitalist eco- rally to 1.70 or 1.80 or even

We are coming to a point where the selling will dry up," said Mr. Chris Zwermann, currency analyst at Swiss Bank Corp.

Since the United States apparently abdicated responsibility for its currency in late October by refusing to gear domestic monetary policy to its defence, the exact level and timing of the dollar's turning point has been in the hands of the markets.

He predicted that 1988 would' A dollar rebound later in 1988. witness tangible economic imhowever, would bring scant comprovement in the United Arab fort to West Germany. Emirates.

Kuwait expands investments in Spain

MADRID (R) — A fast-growing Spanish construction group is setting up a holding company with the Kuwait Investment Office (KIO) to administer a joint stake in Spain's biggest bank, Banco Central BCEE. M.A.

A spokesman for Construc- shareholding in Central. ciones Y Contratas S.A. (Convcon) told Reuters the new company. due to be constituted soon, would initially hold 12.25 per cent er share purchases were not ruled

A top manager close to Conycon said the construction group intended to raise the joint stake.

in Banco Central step by step. Conycon, which also owns 34 per cent of a middle-ranking Spanish bank, Banco Zaragozano, and has interests in property and cement, announced last November it was joining forces with KIO to acquire the joint

The construction group is controlled by two young Spanish entrepreneurs, Mr. Alberto Cortina and Mr. Alberto Alcocer. of Banco Central although furth- The two men are cousins and widely known here as "Los Albertos."

> Conycon will hold 51.2 per cent of the shares in the new holding company, Cartera Central, with KIO holding the balance, the spokesman said. Mr. Alcocer will chair Cartera and a top KIO official, Mr. Fuad Jaffar, will be deputy chairman.

The new company, with starting capital of 41.1 billion pesetas

(\$360 million), plans to subscribe to its share of a planned seven billion peseta (\$60 million) capital increase by Banco Central.

Both parties had agreed to conduct any further purchases of Banco Central shares through the joint holding company and KIO had also committed itself to retaining its shareholding in Cartera Central for at least five

Conycon is paying for its stake in Cartera in cash but is raising part of the finance through the sale to KIO of Urbanor, a property company which owns a prime office development in Madrid.

The new holding company will bring together a 4.98 per cent stake in Central currently held by SGM, a Swiss-registered company owned by KIO, and a further 5.27 per cent stake held by Banque Privee of Switzerland.

Voting rights on a further two per cent of Banco Central, held by a Spanish paper company, Torras Hostench, which is controlled by KIO, will also be made over to Cartera Central.

Bank analysts said the joint company appeared to be a compromise arrangement enabling KIO to retain a significant stake in a major Spanish bank without exercising direct control.

They said the Bank of Spain was concerned when KIO last year acquired its stake in Central as well as a 4.65 per cent shareholding in Banco de Vizcaya, another major Spanish bank.

The purchases prompted Bank of Spain Governor Mariano Rubio to say that he would not allow one of Spain's big banks to fall into foreign hands. KIO later agreed to sell the minority stake in Vizcaya back to the bank.

major threat to the current nego-

tiations if its support for further

liberalisation would be with-

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GATT and for trade liberalisa-

tion within the United States, the

most important of all being the

"There are still very strong

drawn.'

GATT chief warns against protectionism

JAKARTA (Agencies) — A senior world trade official warned on Thursday against a retreat into protectionism as a response to gyrations on the world currency market and the crash in global stock prices.

Mr. Arthur Dunkel, secretary general of the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT), said at a seminar in Jakarta that negotiations on liberalising the world trading system must be kept on track to avoid

a worldwide slump. "I hope in particular that our memory is not so short that we forget the fact that the economic crisis of the 1930s found its origin more in the retreat into protectionism and discriminatory bilateralism.... than in the collapse of world stock markets," he said in a

Investments

rise in UAE

free trade zone

DUBAI (OPECNA) — The number of investment companies

operating in the Jabel Ali free

zone has reached 155 represent-

ing a total capital investment of

Sultan Ibn Saleem, chairman of

the zone's board of directors, said

a Belgian company would take

over the management of the zone

He made the remarks at

He said the licensing of foreign

textile companies was stopped to

give national companies the

opportunity to use their experi-

on industrial investment.

\$300 million.

accountants.

the industry.

"Today, keeping the Uruguay round negotiations on track towards further liberalisation... has a crucial role to play in improving internationally the economic poli-cy environment," Mr. Dunkel

GATT was established in Geneva in 1948 as a legislative and negotiating framework for international trade relations. The four-year Uruguay round of negotiations began in 1986. Under no circumstance

should the recent monetary and financial difficulties be used as a pretext for protectionism, or for lessening efforts in the Uruguay round negotiations," Mr. Dunkel

"On the contrary, it needs to

are underway to maintain and extend global growth and world demand can only succeed if markets remain open at the international level and the multilateral trading system fulfils its primary function in this respect," Mr. Dunkel said.

"Trade and output growth is indeed sluggish, unemployment remains at unacceptably high levels, and, even worse, monetary and financial instability is having negative spillover effects on trade," he noted. He did not detail the negative

effects. But he cautioned against creeping protectionist sentiment The United States has an enviable record of supporting GATT and trade liberalisation over the past 40 years," Mr.

administration of President Reagan," he said. "This support could be streng-thened considerably," he said, "were America's trading partners to indicate clearly and quickly their willingness to exchange sub-

stantial mutual concessions. Meanwhile, a South Korean delegate to the seminar said that developing nations in the Asia-Pacific region will suffer the hardest if the current round of multi-

be recognised that the efforts that Dunkel said. "It would present a lateral trade negotiations fail. Ricoh develops colour picture telephone

TOKYO (R) — Ricoh, a leading Japanese maker of copiers and facsimile machines, has developed a device capable of sending still colour pictures over ordinary telephone lines, a spokesman said on Thursday.

Ricoh's colour telephone is the first to use facsimile and data compression technology, enabling it to send colour images faster than black and white pictures transmitted by machines marketed by Sony, Mitsubishi and other companies, he said.

this month and carry out studies Ricoh has leapfrogged competitors with its entry to the field. but the race is far from over, meeting here Thursday with a industry analysts said. group of engineers and chartered

"It's still too early. The idea is to get a moving picture of the other person," said Mr. Darrel Whitten, associate director of Far East Research at Prudential-Bache Securities.

ence and establish themselves in Still pictures are good for displaying maps or photos or seeing what someone looks like before meeting them. But they cannot show the body language that dominates face-to-face com-

munication, analysts said. Mr. Whitten said moving pictures will have to await the spread of integrated services digital networks (ISDN) built of fibre-optic (\$775). cables. They provide much greater capacity, simplifying the task of sending moving images, he

said.

The laying of ISDN networks will begin soon in Japan and they are expected to be widespread within five years, opening the door to picturephones for the masses, he added.

Nevertin remarkable in its ability to stuff a dense amount of data over a low capacity phone line, he said.

Images captured by a still video camera are digitalised, transmitted in from one to four seconds, and displayed on a three-inch diagonal liquid crystal display

SCZEEIL. Machines now on the market send black and white images in from 1.5 to 10 seconds. They are displayed on standard television

The Ricoh spokesman said its colour telephone could be marketed as early as September and would cost about 100,000 yen

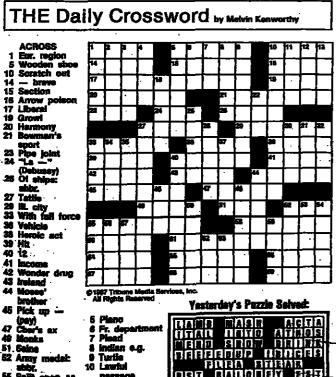
Black and white systems, available in Japan since 1986 and costing from 50,000 to 200,000 yen (\$400 to \$1600), have sold poorly due to compatibility and-image quality problems, analysis

The Ricoh colour system would be compatible with the Japanese standards for the black and white mode likely to be decided upon at an industry meeting next month. Ricoh also hopes colour picturephone standards will be in place before marketing its unit, the spokesman said.

He declined to estimate sales or when they would be sold over-

Ricoh said it would develop a moving picture system in the near future. Sony and Mitsubishi said they were also researching such systems, but could not give a development timetable.

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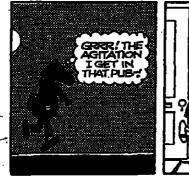




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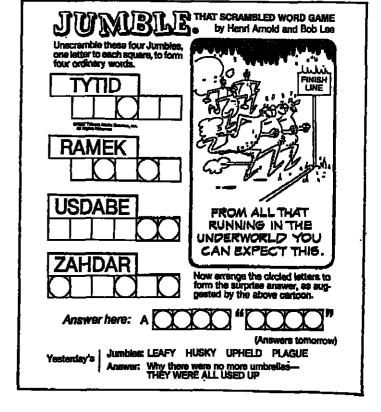








THE BETTER HALF, **By Harris** HARRIS 'I don't hate you because you're beautiful. I hate you because you're annoying!"



Contras call for talks with Sandinistas in Costa Rica

MIAMI (R) — Contra rebel leaders, apparently backing off vows not to talk anymore to Nicaragua leaders, have called for a ceasefire meeting with Sandinista officials to take place in Costa Rica.

The U.S.-backed rebel leaders had said they would hold no more talks with the Sandinista government until they first met separately with Roman Catholic Cardinal Miguel Obando Y Bravo.

But the Nicaraguan Resistance, the umbrelia group for the contra rebels, issued a statement late on Thursday calling for direct talks with Sandinista officials "at the highest level" in Cost Rica under Cardinal Obando Y Bravo's mediation.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega has refused to negotiate directly with the contras for an end to the six-year-old civil war and has instead sent an American lawyer and a West German politician to the mediated talks.

The cardinal tried to mediate a round of indirect talks in the Dominican Republic before Christmas but they broke down when the rebels refused to deal with Mr. Ortega's representa-

Cardinal Obando Y Bravo was due to meet the contras on Friday in Guatemala but cancelled the meeting because he said the Guatemalan government failed to grant him protection.

The contras blamed the cancellation on what they said was "persistent pressure" on Guatemala by the Sandinistas.

Mr. Ortega and four other Central American presidents are scheduled to meet in Costa Rica on Jan. 15 to discuss what progress has been made toward compliance with the regional peace accord they signed last August.

The rebel leaders said a meeting with Cardinal Obando Y Bravo was not expected to occur until after the Central American

President Reagan's new national security advisor on Thursday met Honduran President Jose Azcona at the start of a trip to four Central American nations and said he offered U.S. help on regional peace efforts.

Colin Powell, on his first foreign trip since his November appointment, said he and Mr. Azcona discussed the outlook for a summit next week in Costa Rica at which the five regional presidents are to assess the progress of a Central American peace plan.

'I came to see ... what we can do to be helpful to make that (Costa Rican summit) a useful meeting and one that will further the process of peace in the region," Gen. Powell told reporters after meeting Mr. Azcona.

Mr. Reagan once described the Central American peace plan as "fatally flawed" but has since given it qualified backing. Gen. Powell gave no details of the help Washington might offer.

Powell, a three-star general, was expected to meet the presidents of Guatemaia, El Salvador and Costa Rica on Thursday and Friday as part of the regional

Delegation officials declined to give other details, citing security

Gen. Powell said he would contact Mr. Azcona again through diplomatic channels before a February vote in the U.S. Congress over a request by the Reagan administration for further military aid for Nicaraguan

leader Erich Honecker on the

second day of his official visit

Friday and said he hoped that one day the Berlin Wall would fall.

(Europe), and which, I hope, will

fall one day as the useless and

derisory fortified cities of earlier

times have fallen, reminds us that

the division of our continent is

not a simple concept, but a painful reality," Mr. Chirac said.
He stressed that peace is not

simple a matter of counting mis-

siles and troops, but "is born of the will to knock down barriers,

to multiply contacts and increase

Mr. Chirac's remarks about the

wall, saying only that he hoped

his talks here would contribute to

cataclysm, to the future develop-

ment of constructive and peaceful

cooperation in the common

Mr. Honecker began his day by meeting Foreign Minister Jean-Bernard Raimond, who went to

the Hotel De Marigny, the offi-

cial guest residence across the

street from the presidential palace. The discussions covered disarmament in Europe and bi-

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lateral issues.

rejects

sanction

against Haiti

(AP) — Haitian opposition lead-

ers have said they were dis-appointed that the heads of seven

Caribbean nations refused to im-

pose sanctions against the milit-

ary-led junta in their country.

One prominent Haitian politi-

cian accused the United States of

pressuring the Caribbean leaders

to tone down their criticism of the

Haitian junta led by Lt.-Gen.

Henri Namphy. The junta has

ruled since dictator Jean-Claude

"Baby Doc" Duvalier fled the country Feb. 7, 1986.

The Caribbean leaders met

Wednesday to discuss the situa-

tion in Haiti following violence

that led to the cancellation of

national elections on Nov. 29. At

least 34 people were killed and 76

wounded in attacks on polling

In Haiti, meanwhile, the junta has forged ahead with plans for

elections rescheduled for Jan. 17,

despite a threatened boycott by

The heads of state from Cari-

com, or the Caribbean Commun-

ity and Common Market, had

considered asking Gen. Namphy

to postpone the election. They also discussed withholding di-

plomatic recognition from any

government that came to power

as a result of a junta-run election.

as was a request by a six-member

Haitian delegation that a trade

embargo be imposed on their

impoverished nation.

Both proposals were rejected,

opposition leaders.

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Mr. Honecker did not refer to

exchanges.

The wall which has torn it

Delhi orders offensive Chirac hopes Berlin Wall against Tripura rebels will fall

AGARTALA, India (Agencies) fielded against the 300 or so rebels. the north east state of Tripura to crush tribal rebels who have killed 2,000 people in the last decade, the state's police chief said on Thursday.

Nine people have been killed in the past two weeks by the Tripura National Volunteers, fighting to expel non-tribal immigrants from their remote hill state sandwiched between Bangladesh and Burma.

Police Director General R.P. Sharma said the 10 paramilitary and two army battalions would be the most powerful force ever

If fully staffed, the battalions could total up to 10,000 men but Mr. Sharma gave no figures.

after talks between Home Minister Buta Singh and Tripura Chief Minister Nripen Chakraborty, who heads one of India's three Marxist-led state governments.

Meanwhile Janaki Ramachandran succeeded her late husband, Mardur Gopalan Ramachandran,

Main engine of U.S. shuttle passes all tests

WASHINGTON (R) — The U.S. Space agency, beset by a string of problems that have kept booster rockets, should arrive at the Kennedy Space Centre this month, the NASA spokesman ported on Thursday that the spacecraft's main engines passed

A spokesman for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) at the Marshall Space Flight Centre in Huntsville, Alabama, said testing of the three main engines for the shuttle Discovery was complete and they are being shipped to the Kennedy Space Centre at Cape Canaveral, Florida.

The three engines, used to power the manned shuttle into space along with its two solid fuel

The offensive was decided on

as chief minister of Tamil Nadu state Thursday, the United News

shuttle grounded, re-Grounded since Jan. 28, 1986 when the Challenger exploded all preliminary tests. shortly after lift-off killing all seven crew members, shuttle flights had been scheduled to

resume on June 2 with the launch of Discovery. But late last month, after a test firing of rocket booster engines in the Utah Desert, engineers from NASA and manufacturer Morton Thiokol Inc., found the so-called nozzle "boot ring" that control-

GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF

ANSWERS TO WEEKLY BRIDGE QUIZ

Q.1-Both vulnerable, as South you hold: ♥AK63 **♦**AJ10732 The bidding has proceeded: North East South West

What action do you take? A .- If you trust partner, he cannot have any useful holding in diamonds. Thus, while you might have had thoughts of slam once partner opened the bidding, the misfit is obvious and three no trump is likely to be as good a spot as any. Pass.

Q.2-Both vulnerable, as South you hold: ♠KJ63 ∇8 ♦AK10682 ♠AQ The bidding has proceeded:
East South West North
1 ♥ Dbl Pass 1 \$

What do you bid now? A.—There is no scientific solution to this problem—point count won't help you. Partner might have nothing other than four low spades. However, if he has a five-card suit, or even the queen, it might be enough for game. We would gamble on four spades.

Q.3--As South, vulnerable, you hold: •6 VAQ84 0A73 •A10542 The bidding has proceeded: . North East South West

What action do you take? A .- Partner sounds like a broken record. He must have six very good spades, or perhaps a seven-card suit. The one bid you shouldn't make is three no trump—if partner has a broken sult, the defenders might get five tricks before you can establish nine. Our vote goes to

3 4 Pass ?

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led the steering mechanism had

four spades, even though you have

Q.4-Both vulnerable, as South Partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

A .- With a flat 14 points, you have more than enough to assure game but not enough for slam. In addition, it would be a mistake to probe for a 4-4 heart fit since you do not have a ruffing value. Simply

Q.5-Neither vulnerable, as South you hold: **4AQ954** ♥7 ♦**AJ162 4K93** The bidding has proceeded: South West North East Pass

raise to three no trump.

Pass 2 ♣ Pass 2 ♡ What do you bid now?

A.—Regardless of the methods you are using, you should bid three clubs. Partner has now been advised that you have five spades, four diamonds and three clubs, and hence a singleton heart. How com-forting it is to be able to convey such a mine of information with

Q.6-Both vulnerable, as South you hold: **4AJ73** ∇1092 **Q83 4632** Your partner opens the bidding with a demand bid of two diamonds. What do you respond? A .- Normally, you need at least an ace and a king for a positive response to your partner's forcing two-bid. Here, however, we feel your queen in partner's suit should be upgraded. We attach so much

importance to confirming a fit as

early as possible, that we would

opt for three diamonds.

Sri Lankan rebels kill 5 Indian troops

Actor

Trevor

Howard

dies at 71

LONDON (R) — British actor Trevor Howard, famous for his

portrayals of rugged, hard-living characters in films such as the

Third Man, Mutiny on the Boun-

ty and Odette, has died after a

short illness, his agent

humour matched his screen im-

age as a hardened leader of men.

trained in Shakespearean theatre

but moved into the film industry

where he made his name as in

Mutiny on the Bounty, playing

In the 1950s and 1960s he

became one of Britain's best-

His wife Helen Cherry, whom he married in 1945, was with him when he died in his sleep in

Bushey, Hertfordshire, on

His agent, James Sharkey,

said: "Trevor Howard died at

around 2 p.m. this afternoon. He

had been ill for about three weeks

and had been in hospital for just

"He died quite peacefully in his sleep. He had contracted influen-

za and bronchitis. At the end, his

illness became complicated by

He added: "Trevor will be re-

membered because he was a total

gentleman and for his many

Howard's rugged soldier image was born of first-hand experience

in World War II when he made 22

parachute jumps and took part in

airborne landings in Norway and

Sicily, winning the military cross.

army in 1943 and returned to

acting to begin his climb to be-

come one of the stars of the world

Howard's brooding style was

often likened to U.S. actor

In the Third Man, adapted

from a short story by Graham

Greene about intrigue in post-

World War II Vienna, he gave a

typical performance as a suave

but aggressive British officer on

the trail of a drug trader operat-

ing from the Soviet sector of the

He was invalided out of the

alongside Marlon Brando.

known actors.

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Spencer Tracy.

occupied city.

famous roles."

over a fortnight.

Howard, whose strong sense of

Trevor Howard

West End.

myself."

Mills said.

Howard was targetted by ma-

jor film companies as soon as he

finished his training at the Royal

Academy of Dramatic Art

(RADA), Britain's top dramatic school, in London.

But he turned down a seven-

year contract with Paramount to

go on the stage. His earliest

public performances were in

Shakespeare festivals in London's

years, however, he turned almost

Howard was born on Sept. 29,

1916, the son of an English insur-

ance salesman and a Canadian

Howard's private life was often

turbulent and his heavy drinking

landed him in prison in many parts of the world. The actor once

told a British television interview-

er he had been arrested in Italy,

France and Austria for "enjoying

with. He loved his wine but that

never interfered with his job,"

veteran British actor Sir John

Actor Sir John Gielgud said:

"He was a generous man and he had beautiful manners. He was

also Bohemian and wild, which

was fun. And he had no preten-

Howard was said to have had

several affairs during filming but

was deeply in love with his wife,

who remained loyal during their

42-year marriage.

He was also deeply attached to

Britain, despite being taken to court by the Inland Revenue on

tax matters, and said he could

never live anywhere else. "One's

roots are here, that's the thing,

one's roots are here," he said.

Actress Dame Peggy Ashcroft, who appeared with Howard in

several productions, praised him

as "one of the most remarkable

actors of our century."

sions, which is rare in an actor."

"He was wonderful to work

exclusively to the cinema.

After the upheaval of the war

announced. He was 71.

COLOMBO (Agencies) — Tamil separatist guerrillas killed five In-dian soldiers by landmine and in gun attacks in northern Sri Lanka in the past 24 hours, an Indian official said on Friday.

In one attack, Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam (LTTE) guerrillas killed an Indian officer by opening fire at soldiers directing traffic in Jaffna town on

An Indian High Commission official said three soldiers on a routine patrol died and two were wounded when their vehicle hit a landmine at Vavuniya town on

A fifth Indian was killed when Tiger gunmen attacked an Indian military camp at Mullaitivu town on Thursday night.
The official said troops reacted

by sealing off the area and launching a hunt for the attackers. Up to 35,000 Indian troops have been posted in the north and east of the island to implement a peace accord aimed at ending a

four-year-old campaign by the rebels to set up a separate state.
About 345 Indian soldiers and more than 1,200 Tamil rebels have been killed since the Indian force launched an offensive last October to disarm the Tigers, who have repudiated the pact.

Schoolchildren in the Jaffna peninsula are trapped in a power struggle between Tamil guerrillas and Indian peacekeeping troops, said Tamil travellers who reached Colombo on Friday.

"Since Monday, Indian troops have been visiting the homes of PARIS (AP) — Premier Jacques Chirac met with East German students and instructing them to go to school. They assure parents the children will be safe," one traveller said.

"Hours later, the Tamil Tigers visit the same homes and warn parents and children against going to school. We do not know what to do. Both sides are a threat," the traveller said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Indian troops have been trying to disarm the Tigers in an effort to end a guerrilla war that has claimed more than 8,000 lives in the past four years.
Attacks continue, despite Indi-

a's declaration in October that its troops were in control of Jaffna town and parts of the surrounding Jaffna peninsula.

Major General William Burns to

be the new head of the U.S.

Arms Control and Disarmament

"He is an outstanding candi-

date and we are confident he will

be confirmed" by the Senate, Mr.

If confirmed, Gen. Burns

Fitzwater said.

Many hailed it as one of his greatest performances. "prevention of a nuclear Reagan names general to arms control post

> on foreign affairs. Gen. Burns is currently a depu-Agency (ACDA), White House ty assistant secretary of state for spokesman Marlin Fitzwater has arms control and has wide experi-

ence in arms negotiations. From 1981-84, and again from 1985-86, he was the representative of the Joint Chiefs of Staff at

the Geneva intermediate nuclear forces (INF) negotiations. Those talks culminated in the

WASHINGTON (R) — President Reagan has nominated army man, who quit as ACDA director signing of an INF treaty at last month's Washington summit bely syndicated columnist writing tween Reagan and Soviet leader Mikhaii Gorbachev that will eliminate superpower nuclear missiles with ranges of 300 to 3,400 miles (500 to 5,500 km).

The two countries want to forge ahead with talks on longrange weapons so that a treaty halving superpower arsenals of those missiles can be ready for signature at another summit, expected to take place in Moscow.

would succeed Kenneth Adel-Police end protest by S. Korean students

Chosun University in the south western city of Kwangju on Friday, ending a 113-day protest by students demanding the dismissal BRIDGETOWN, Barbados

of the school administration. More than 200 students set fire to the main university building and hurled firebombs at police in green combat fatigues and black steel helmets who smashed doors and climbed ladders into build-

cause of the protest by a small group of radical students deman- cades with desks and chairs. ding the removal of the school

SEOUL, South Korea (AP) — president and members of his About 1,500 riot police stormed family from the administration. the four-hour operation said police did not use tear gas or

Three students were injured, including one who jumped from the fifth floor of the main building as police closed in. The student landed on one of the mattresses that police had placed on the ground as a precaution against suicide, which is a traditional form of protest in Korea.

Police arrested about 120 stuings in the dawn raid.

Classes had been suspended at the school since September becampus, while others tried to hold police off by building barri-Local journalists who watched

water cannons. They said police were relatively restrained in taking control of the campus.

The main problem came when students set fire to the main administration building. Firefighters brought the blaze under control after two hours.

Dissident students started the campus occupation to demand the resignation of Park Chul-Woong, the private university's president and founder. The students accused Mr. Park of being a despot at the school, which has an enrollment of 15.000

Filipino rebels to widen attacks on Americans

MANILA (Agencies) — Philippine Communist rebels said on Ar Friday they would widen attacks on Americans in 1988.

The Communist Party newskilling of three Americans out-side the U.S. Clark Air Base last October as a "correct and timely response to heightened and more direct imperialist intervention in the country's internal affairs."

It said the party's military arm, the New People's Army (NPA), had gained the past year and would seek new links with overseas leftist groups.

"Targets of NPA operations have been redefined to include ...U.S. imperialist advisers, troops, agents and business empires... civilian officials and personnel directly involved in the U.S.-designed Aquino-implemented counter-revolutionary campaign," the party publication

Armed Forces Chief General Fidel. Ramos said in a television interview on Thursday night that the insurgency in 1986 and 1987 paper Ang Bayan described the had been less violent than in previous years.

He said just over 3,700 people died in fighting in 1987, which meant a daily average of 4.6 rebels, three troops and 2.6 civilians. He did not give figures for earlier years.

The trend showed the military had the upper hand, Gen. Ramos said, adding: This is a very favourable trend for the government and we hope this will contimue for 1988."

Ang Bayan said new companysized rebel formations and better ammunition had allowed the guerrillas to carry out a series of attacks over the last year on town halls, police and military posts and private businesses.

It said the rebel presence in urban centres had been increased, with about 15 per cent of the party's members now based in

The military says small Communist assassination teams gunned down more than a hundred policemen and soldiers on the streets of Manila in 1987. The NPA claimed responsibility for half of those killings.

The Communist organ said the size of its military forces had remained steady in the central and southern parts of the archipelago but had grown on the northern main island of Luzon, where the capital is located.

It said the number of guerrillas. sympathisers and those influenced by rebel presence had increased six-fold in Luzon over the past three years.

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Party set to dump 'Cicciolina'

ROME (R) - The bizarre relationship between Italy's porno queen turned politician. Ilona "Cicciolina" Staller, and her Radical Party appears to be on the rocky road to a quickie divorce. Six months after her election to parliament, the Radicals have become acutely embarrassed by the kind of publicity the outrageous sex star has brought them and seem determined to just her. Cicciolina (little cuddly one) stole much of the limelight during last June's general elections when the small Radical Party made her a candidate in a move typical of a group renowned for being unpredictable and provocative. But the Radical Party would now prefer to quietly forget Cicciolina and her "up with sexual energy" battle cry. When she amounted her intention to run for election as Radical Party secretary this week, many senior members decided it was time to move away from Cicciolina. Cicciolina sat demurely on the platform bedecked in her usual crown of flowers as her fellow deputies harangued and insulted her and accused her of driving members away. "You've only attended three of the 33 meetings of the (parliamentary) Defence Committee and you were missing for 219 of the 268 votes in parliament," said senior party member Franco Rutelli.

'Molecule may block AIDS'

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts (R) — A biotechnology company said laboratory experiments confirm that a molecule it developed is capable of blocking infection of key immune cells by the AIDS virus. In a joint statement with Massachusetts General Hospital. where a group of scientists is studying the molecule, Biogen NV, a biotechnology firm, said human clinical trials with it could begin this year. "I think this is one of the most promising developments in our quest for an effective antiviral therapy." the hospital's Dr. Martin Hirsch said in a statement. Research on the molecule was published in the latest issue of the British science journal Nature. The joint statement from Biogen and the hospital said the research indicates that the molecule has the potential "to halt the progress of HTV infection and the subsequent deterioration of the immune system." HIV, or human immunodeficiency virus, is the virus that causes acquired immune deficiency syndrome (AIDS).

2-headed baby in good condition

NICOSIA, Cyprus (AP) — Thirteen-year-old Siamese twin girls Laleh and Ladan have visited a two-headed baby boy in a Tehran hospital, the Islamic Republic News Agency (IRNA) has reported. In its second report on the baby since he was born on Dec. 23, the agency said he was in good condition. The child has two hearts and four lungs but its body looks normal apart from the two heads. The agency, whose latest report was monitored in Cyprus, gave no further details on the boy. It had said earlier that the 28-year-old mother was discharged from hospital in good condition. The Siamese Twins, who live in Karaj west of Tehran, were quoted by the agency as saying they were happy and were studying English in their spare time. The two girls are joined at the head and with existing techniques, surgery to separate them is not possible, the agency said. It did not give the girls' family

Thatcher is U.K.'s 'Woman of Century'

NEW YORK (R) — The New York Times graised Margaret Thatcher on Thursday for becoming the longest serving British prime minister of the century. "What's the secret, and the message for other democracies," the Times asked in an editorial headlined "Britain's Woman of the Century." "By example and precept, she offers a liberating feeling to millions of Britons shackled by a class system, bullying trade unions and an over protective welfare state," it said. "For ordinary people she offered hope of home ownership, the chance to pocket more money and, now, to have greater choice of schools," it added. Last Sunday, the Conservative leader broke Liberal Herbert Asquith's record of eight years and 243 days as premier.

Murderer executed in Texas

AUSTIN, Texas (R) - Robert Streetman, found guilty of murder in a burglary that netted him \$1, was executed on Thursday, the first execution in the United States this year. Streetman, 27, was found guilty of the December 1982 murder of Christine Baker, a 44-year-old Texas woman, during a burglary of her home. Texas Attorney General Jim Mattox said Streetman was put to death by lethal injection. Governor Bill Clements gave final approval for the execution following U.S. Supreme Court refusal to grant a stay. Nine inmates at the state prison in Huntsville, Texas, are scheduled to be executed in January, Mattox said. There are 266 inmates on Texas' "death row," about an eighth of the U.S. total, he said.

China executes peasant pimp

PEKING (R) — China has executed a peasant pimp, a newspaper reaching Peking said. The Nanfang Daily said Liu Xinghai employed six women as prostitutes at his home in a village in Guangdong province in south China. The women were visited by 27 clients for more than 50 sex sessions between March and July last year. Liu collected an introduction fee and had sex with three of the women himself, the paper said.

Actor accused of offending aborigines

SYDNEY, Australia (AP) — "Crocodile Dundee" star Pani. Hogan was accused Wednesday of being offensive for referring to aborigines as "abos" during a live telecast beamed around the world on New Year's Day. Hogan said in introductory remarks to the four-hour "Australia Live - A Celebration of a Nation" that Australians would become so fed up with ongoing bicentennial celebrations "we might as well give the land back to the abos." Hogan, voted last year as Australia's most popular man, is known for his movie role as a crocodile hunter and for advertisements. promoting tourism urging visitors to "throw a shrimp on the barbie." "People just have to learn in this country that the term 'abo' is offensive and they shouldn't use it when talking about aborigines," said Gary Foley, an aboriginal activist, who has vowed to disrupt the bicentennial, calling it a celebration of invasion. Aborigines, Australia's original inhabitants, number about 160,000 or 1 per cent of the 16 million population.

Underwater train stations to open

TOKYO (AP) — Passengers on trains travelling through the world's longest tunnel will be able get off at two undersea stations to stretch their legs and relieve boredom, according to plans by the Hokkaido Japan Railway Co. The world's first underwater train stations have no exits but will be listed on train schedules when service through the 53.8-kilometre Seikan Tunnel begins on March 13, railroad official Yasunki Watanuki said Wednesday. "Since there's no scenery to watch while travelling through the tunnel, we were worried that passengers would become bored," he said. Exhibits explaining the tunnel's construction, which took 24 years, are planned for the two stations; Watanuki said. The tunnel links the Japanese islands of Hokkaido and Honshu.